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VILLA UNWILLING TO NEUTRALIZE CITY OF MEXICO

Plan Is Suspected by the Conventionists to Be Part of a Scheme to Restore the Old Order of Things in the Republic

PRESENT FORCE STAYS

Ismael Palafox Notifies Washington That Rumors of Evacuation of the Capital Are Without Foundation in Fact

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—General Villa will not agree to the proposal to make Mexico City a neutral zone. The Convention government, whose forces now occupy the capital, will continue the occupation. The plan to neutralize Mexico City, which during the past few days has appeared to gain favor with the United States government, is suspected by the Conventionists as part of a deeply laid scheme to restore the old order in Mexico and place the Científicos and clergy once more in power.

"This would fit in beautifully with the plans of the so-called Pacificist Assembly in San Antonio," said Enrique Lorente, the Convention government's representative here. "A neutral zone in Mexico City would give them a place to work their intrigues and plan to defeat the revolution. No, we must hold Mexico City."

The suspicion is that this neutrality scheme is a device to let back into Mexico the reactionaries who were driven from power by the revolution, and it is wondered if this move would produce the candidate who Cardinal Gibbons recently said would soon come forward as the man fitted to save Mexico. The ostensible purpose of neutralizing Mexico City is to protect foreigners, but it appears that there may be deeper motives. Ismael Palafox, in the Mexican department of state, wires that the rumors of evacuation of the capital by the Villa-Zapata troops are without foundation, and are emphatically denied.

"There is no reason for evacuation," he says under date of April 4, "inasmuch as there is no enemy in the neighborhood and the city has a garrison of 6000 besides 10,000 in the suburbs. The general situation is entirely satisfactory. The stores, banks and industries are open and all public services working regularly. Complete safety prevails."

General Villa's recent decree requiring foreign-owned mines to be operated under government regulation is merely an enforcement of Mexican law, it is explained. It does not apply retroactively and is not intended to expropriate any interests already acquired. Its purpose is to regulate the operation of mines so they may be actually worked within the time limit fixed by law and insure their development and prevent mere land holding speculation.

BRITISH COALING REPORT DENIED IN NEW YORK

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its New York Bureau

WASHINGTON—A German frame-up is suspected in the story from Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York, that British warships have been secretly coaled and supplied from New York harbor in violation of neutrality. The British admiral flatly denies it has been done.

In fact it is known that the man in New York who usually supplies the British ships has been offered, by Germans, four barges for the purpose of supplying the British ships, which he refused. It was then suspected that a scheme was on foot to involve the British ships in a violation of neutrality. An investigation is being made by the British authorities as well as by the American government.

Mr. Malone Silent

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its New York Bureau

NEW YORK—Collector Malone says there are no further developments in the British warship matter at present. He has nothing to say beyond what appeared in the morning papers.

BRITISH EMBASSY IS ON TEMPERANCE BASIS

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—The British embassy here goes dry today. It is regarded as one of the King's houses, so will come under the crown's order that after today no wines or spirits shall be consumed "in any of his majesty's houses." Liquor will be served to guests in the embassy, but not to any of the staff.

SOMERVILLE GRADUATIONS SET

Graduation exercises of the Somerville high school, class B, will take place Thursday evening, June 24, and those of the grammar school grades on Friday, June 25. The schools will close at noon June 25 for the summer vacation.

TIME TABLES AND SPARE MEN TOPIC AT WAGE HEARING

Prof. Albert S. Ritchey Gives Figures on Relative Continuity of Work in Various Industries

Spare men and time tables on the Bay State Street railway were under discussion today at the continued wage arbitration hearing of the carmen held in Tremont Temple. Prof. Albert S. Ritchey, consulting engineer and witness for the road, was on the stand under cross-examination by James H. Vahey, attorney for the carmen and one of the arbitrators.

Exhibits filed by Professor Ritchey showing the relative continuity of employment in various manufacturing industries as compared with that on street car lines were the subject of debate. Professor Ritchey contended that the carmen have steadier work than those in any other industry. He said the employment of spare men was left to the discretion of the various division superintendents and thought the road might have more men of this class on its pay rolls than was absolutely necessary.

Prof. Irving Fisher took the stand and reviewed his high cost of living testimony and showed wherein Professor Ritchey's figures were in all cases less than his because he had not taken the smaller sundries into consideration.

Professor Fisher then said that he thought the increase in the high cost of living was approximately 15 per cent in the last four years.

COOPERATION IN TOWNBUYINGAND SELLING URGED

Extension School in Community Planning Hears Papers on Commercial and Civic Village Activities

FRAMINGHAM, Mass.—"How a Town Can Cooperate for Buying and Selling" was the topic of a talk given today by Prof. R. H. Ferguson of the Massachusetts Agricultural College before the Extension School in Community Planning, being held here by the college and the Framingham Civic League in Central Labor Union hall.

The sessions conclude Wednesday with papers on "Town Improvement Problems," Prof. F. A. Waugh; "How Farmers Can Cooperate in Dairying and Poultry Raising," Professor Ferguson; "Plans and Methods in Town Improvement Work," Professor Waugh; "Education for Home Making," Mrs. Margaret Stannard; "Town Administration—What Norwood is Doing With a Town Manager," George W. Willett. The sessions opened Monday with a talk on vocational education by Rufus W. Stimson of the state board of education.

Professor Ferguson pointed out the progress that has been made through cooperative organization in Germany, Denmark, Ireland, England and Canada, with the exception of the fruit exchanges in Florida and the West, he said that as yet cooperation was in its infancy in this country.

He outlined the system of organization and features necessary to success in establishing a cooperative organization of farmers for buying and selling in this country. Such organization, he said, would serve to educate the farmers in business methods, would give them partial control of the middlemen, would reduce the cost of handling, place the members in touch with larger markets and improve farm methods.

Moreover, cooperation tends to promote good-will and neighborliness, he (Continued on page seventeen, column five)

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENTS IN BOSTON WITH ITS AUXILIARIES

Forty-Ninth State Reunion Begins in Faneuil Hall With Address by Commander and Nomination of Officers

GOING TO STATE HOUSE

Women's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, Army Nurses and Other Organizations Convene

John M. Woods, commander of the department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, convened the forty-ninth annual encampment of the organization at Faneuil hall this forenoon. Business sessions will be held throughout the day and will be continued tomorrow. The annual election of officers comes this afternoon.

Numerous auxiliaries of the G. A. R. also are meeting in Boston today. Its thirty-third annual encampment will be held this afternoon by the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which convenes in Loring hall, Tremont Temple. The Women's Relief Corps of the G. A. R., which opened its thirty-sixth annual convention last night continues its sessions today at the Shawmut Congregational church, Tremont and West Brookline streets. The Daughters of Veterans opened their convention today in Chipman hall, Tremont Temple; the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary opened its meeting in Pilgrim hall, Beacon street, and the Army Nurses Association of the state began sessions in Myers hall, both in Tremont Temple. Ladies of the G. A. R. opened their annual convention this morning at the American House.

With several hundred members present, the morning session of the G. A. R. was opened with an invocation by the Rev. John W. Adams of Methuen, department chaplain. Then came the annual address and report of Commander Woods. He was followed by reports of the other officers.

The encampment passed unanimously a resolution in tribute to Curtis Guild. The resolution was offered by J. Payson Bradley, past department commander.

Alfred H. Knowles of Arlington is slated for election this afternoon to the position of department commander. He is the present senior vice-commander. Francis E. Mole of Adams is the candidate for the senior vice-commandership, he now being the junior vice-commander.

There are three candidates for the position of junior vice-commander, Daniel E. Denny of post 10, Worcester; Frank E. Orant of post 113, Boston; and Edwin P. Stanley of post 67, Manchester. Going to Capitol

At the close of the sessions tomorrow the veterans will march to the State House, there, in the hall of flags, to salute the national colors. From the State House they will go to Ford hall where the annual dinner will be served at 1:30 p. m. It is expected that about 500 will be present at the dinner.

A detail of comrades from Willard C. Kinsley post, 139, of Somerville has been assigned to serve the encampment as aids. They reported this forenoon to Assistant Adj.-Gen. Wilfred A. Wetherbee.

In his annual address today Commander Woods stated that the department was in splendid financial condition. He recommended that the department adopt some method whereby Massachusetts shall stand out prominently in the parade at the national encampment to (Continued on page eight, column two)



Map showing the eastern theater of war from the Baltic sea to Bukovina and indicating the important passes in the Carpathians

U. S. NOTE HELD TO REQUIRE NO BRITISH REPLY

President Regards the Document as Not Argumentative, but Merely a Friendly Statement of the Law in the Case

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—No reply is expected from Great Britain to the note of protest from the American government, published today, concerning the British terms of blockade of Germany. The President regards the American note as not argumentative, but merely a friendly statement of the law in the case. It demands no reply, he says. This is thought to mean that the United States will be content with this formal protest and acquiesce in the British measures to stave Germany as outlined in the British order-in-council, merely holding Great Britain to account for pecuniary reparation in specific cases to American shipping.

It is believed that Great Britain will be careful to avoid serious controversy with the United States by applying the blocking measures leniently in so far as they affect neutral commerce to neutral ports.

To the end that the blockade may fall as lightly as possible upon American commerce the British authorities are arranging to do all they can to cooperate with shippers in the United States to facilitate the despatch of bona fide neutral cargoes to neutral countries. Delays and other difficulties may be avoided by having cargoes destined for neutral European ports examined by the British representatives before they leave the United States, so that specific cargoes given British approval before they start may be permitted to proceed to their destinations.

The British government is preparing to receive an enormous number of claims for damages as a result of the blockade.

The text of the note to Great Britain follows:

"The Secretary of State to the American Ambassador at London.
"Washington, March 30, 1915.
"You are instructed to deliver the following to his Majesty's government in reply to your Nos. 1798 and 1798 of March 15:

"The government of the United States is deeply concerned at the continued and increasing interference with the freedom of the seas by the British blockade of Germany. It is the policy of the United States to maintain the freedom of the seas for all nations, and it is the duty of the United States to protest against any such interference. The United States government is prepared to receive an enormous number of claims for damages as a result of the blockade.

AUTHORITY MAKES STATEMENT AS TO JAPAN AND CHINA

Arthur Diosy Says Just View Only Got by Recognizing Japan as First Among Equals

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau

LONDON, Tuesday—Although the statement of Count Okuma has done much to define the Japanese position, the attitude of a large section of responsible opinion on far eastern matters is one of desire to reserve judgment until fuller information is available. Discussing the situation with a representative of The Christian Science Monitor, Arthur Diosy, the well-known authority on Japan and China, confirmed statements already appearing in The Christian Science Monitor that much exaggeration was discernible in the statements emanating from Pekin.

Mr. Diosy, however, definitely confirmed the view that Japan not unnaturally desired that a controlling influence was necessary for China she should be that influence.

The majority of the detailed statements as to Japan's demands on China as have appeared in the press, Mr. Diosy insisted were not, when examined carefully, inconsistent with the Japanese statement of intention not to infringe the integrity of China or the interests of other powers.

The situation, he said, was one of extreme complexity and a just view of it could only be obtained when it was recognized that where the far east was concerned, the only position for Japan was first amongst equals. It was well, he said, that the demands on China as promulgated from Pekin should be known but they should be considered dispassionately and read side by side with Count Okuma's statement and Sir Edward Grey's recent pronouncement in the House of Commons.

BOYS TO PRINT SCHOOL PAPER

Boys of the Somerville high school, who for some time have been enthusiastic over printing a paper in connection with the English department of the school will now be able to do the work in the school building, a small press to print pages eight by twelve having been purchased. A number of the boys are putting in spare time learning printing. The press will be paid for from the funds of the students' council.

RUSSIANS PUSH TROOPS ONWARD IN CARPATHIANS

Petrograd Announces Progress Between Mezo Laborcz and Uzsok and Occupation of Kisna Railway Station

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau

PETROGRAD, Tuesday—The general staff report that during Saturday night and the following day severe bayonet and artillery fighting took place north of Bartfeld, the Russians capturing 20 officers and over 1200 soldiers.

Between Mezo Laborcz and Uzsok, the Russians continued to progress, capturing during the day 25 officers and over 2000 soldiers and two guns. Having occupied Kisna railway station on the Galicia side of the Lupkow pass, the Russians captured engines and coaches, a great stock of ammunition and part of a provision column. Severe fighting occurred Saturday and Sunday near Okna village, north of Czernowitz, in Bukovina, the Russians capturing 1000 prisoners.

VIENNA, Tuesday—An official communique states that violent fighting continues in the Laborcz valley in Hungary. Near Dzebeusnie, east of Selesziyski, in North Bukovina, strong hostile forces were repulsed in an effort to cross the Dniester, the Austrians capturing 1400 men and seven machine guns.

BERLIN, April 5—Headquarters report that the Russian attack at Mariampol was repulsed, the Russians losing heavily.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS ENGAGE CRUISERS IN THE BLACK SEA

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau

PETROGRAD, Tuesday—An official report states that the Russian fleet in the Black sea exchanged shots Saturday with the Goeben and Breslau at long range, pursuing them until dusk. During the night torpedo boats encountered the cruisers 100 miles from the Bosphorus, but the cruisers avoided an engagement.

KING COMMANDS PROHIBITION FOR HIS OWN HOUSES

Chancellor of the Exchequer Receives About 65,000 Letters From People in Favor of Prohibition for the Nation

STATEMENT OFFICIAL

Cabinet Expected to Discuss Question Tomorrow—Government Announcement Looked for at Opening of Session

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau

LONDON, Tuesday—It is officially announced that by the King's command no wines, spirits or beer will be consumed in any of his majesty's houses after today.

Mr. Lloyd George, the chancellor of the exchequer, has received about 65,000 letters from people who are in favor of prohibition.

The question, it is expected, will be discussed by the cabinet tomorrow and a government announcement as to proposed measures is expected when the session opens next week.

LONDON HEARS NO BULGARIAN SOLDIERS IN RAID

Difficulty Believed Probably Not Dissociated From Turks Leaving Serbia for Asia Minor

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau

LONDON—The Christian Science Monitor is informed by the Bulgarian legation that so far as they are able to ascertain no Bulgarian soldiers were involved in the reported raid into Serbia.

While the episode is most regrettable, it would appear that the trouble was entirely a local affair and probably not dissociated from the numbers of Turks who are leaving Serbia for Asia Minor via Macedonia.

DAMAGE DONE BY BRITISH AIR RAID IS ASCERTAINED

Antwerp Shipbuilding Yard Reported Set on Fire and Two Submarines Destroyed

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau

PARIS, April 5—An official communique states there is nothing fresh to report. Military authorities have ascertained that the British air raid on March 26 resulted in serious damage to an airship and the shed at Berghem Sainte Agathe while at Hoboken, the Antwerp shipbuilding yard was set on fire, two submarines being destroyed and a third damaged.

Tuesday—The latest communique adds little to previous reports. At Bois-Dailly, southeast of St. Mihiel, the French captured three successive lines of trenches and gained a footing in a portion of the German works, northeast of Regnierville.

BERLIN, April 5—Headquarters report that the Belgians attempted to send reinforcements to Dreigraeten, which the Germans have held since Saturday, but were repulsed.

Attacks attempted by the French in Argonne were also hindered and attacks against the German advanced positions south of Varennes collapsed before entanglements. French attacks west of Pont-a-Mousson failed; in Bois-le-Prete the Germans gained ground by a mine explosion.

VOLUNTEERS IN DUBLIN REVIEWED BY JOHN REDMOND

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau

DUBLIN, Tuesday—A review of the national volunteers in Dublin by John Redmond was witnessed by at least 100,000 spectators. Some 25,000 volunteers from all over Ireland were present in Phoenix park.

THREE VESSELS SUNK BY GERMAN UNDERSEA BOATS

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau

LONDON, April 5—The Russian barque Heroes, the Olive of Glasgow and the City of Bremen of Dublin have been sunk by German submarines, the last named vessel without warning.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORGANIZES Cambridge school committee for 1915 met yesterday and organized with Dr. John E. Dwyer president, James T. Barrett was elected in the first district, defeating John F. Gadsby.

News From the Capitals—Political Doings of Nations

STATE-CONTROL OF WORKS UP AT WESTMINSTER

Measure to Give Government Power Over Factories for Producing War Materiel Introduced by Mr. Lloyd George

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)

WESTMINSTER—Under the so-called 10-minute rule Mr. Lloyd George brought in a bill recently, giving the government power to take over and exercise control over works where war materiel might be produced, but which were not, at the moment, being used for that purpose. Already, as he pointed out, the defense of the realm act gave the government similar powers in respect of works engaged in making war stores, but it was not surprising that some members seemed taken aback at the casual way in which the chancellor of the exchequer proposed to carry through a revolution.

According to Mr. Bonar Law, the "defense of the realm" (amendment) (No. 2) bill to amend the defense of the realm consolidation act 1914, a title as full of brackets as "Hamlet" of "quotations," gave the government powers, probably the most drastic ever demanded by ministers from Parliament. What a subject for a fight seemed to be the feeling at the back of some speeches, if only there had been no such thing as a party truce.

Not content with carrying through a revolution at the very end of a session, Mr. Lloyd George wanted to carry it through in an evening. Apparently, however, there were limits to the complaisance of members, who felt that they ought at least to read a bill before passing it, and so it was decided to take the committee stage on the following day. One object of the government was doubtless to have compulsory powers in reserve in case a minority of owners proved refractory, but in general no trouble was expected with manufacturers. The main object, however, was to help employers over difficulties they would experience, if there was no act of Parliament in force. They had to consider their shareholders, their trustees, and their articles of association, and such difficulties could only be overridden by an act. Contracts would have to be dropped, if works were required by the government, and so a sub-section had been inserted in this one-clause bill to protect contractors against the consequences of their liability to carry out the contract which the government had compelled them to drop in order to produce war munitions.

Approval

On behalf of the opposition, Mr. Bonar Law would not offer any opposition. They had, he felt, to make the government dictators for the time being, and the responsibility for their actions must rest on their own heads. He approved of the government scheme, but it should have been brought forward sooner, and it seemed as though the most vital things were being left to the last and then done in a most casual way. He complained again that ministers showed great reluctance in calling to their aid the organized business capacity of the country.

For the Labor party Mr. Hodge expressed approval of the latest experiment in state collectivism.

In reply, Mr. Lloyd George explained that the manufacturers would be summoned together in their districts and consulted, and at the head of the central committee, they hoped to put a good strong business man with some push and go in him. The fair wages clause would automatically apply to works taken over by the government, while Mr. Long was informed that compensation would be settled by agreement. With regard to his reasons for hurrying the bill through, the chancellor of the exchequer did not enter into details, but probably, besides the necessity of making the rate of equipment keep pace with the rate of expansion of the new armies, he had in view the possibility of the early arrival of the allied fleets within sight of the Golden Horn and the opening of the way for the equipment of Russia's huge reserves.

Importance of Bill

On the following day the bill was quickly passed through its remaining stages and sent to "another place." In a speech in committee, the chancellor of the exchequer modified the "business as usual" motto into "victory as usual," declaring specifically that business must be inconvenienced by war. Every one had to make sacrifices, and he did not think, therefore, that business men who were affected by "defense of the realm" legislation could hope to have the same complete measure of compensation as they might have expected in times of peace. The government had been blamed for waiting too long before bringing in this bill, but he did not think they would have been justified in bringing in a drastic measure, unless they felt they could not get much further without it. Those who were expert in military matters understood how much depended on an overwhelming supply of explosives at the critical moment.

The question of the treatment of war prisoners in Germany provoked an interesting discussion, but Lord Robert Cecil and Mr. Primrose, who replied for the government, appeared to be agreed that there was a tendency to exaggerate the harshness of the treatment received. Mr. Primrose, however, however, that in many cases the treatment received was

undoubtedly very harsh, but he had the House with him when he contended that reprisals were out of the question. In England the generous treatment of prisoners was a tradition to which they must be loyal. As Lord Robert Cecil said, they must treat German prisoners according to their ideas of right, whatever the Germans might think it right to do to their men.

Welsh Church Act

In the House of Lords "at the fifty-ninth minute of the eleventh hour," as Lord Beauchamp expressed it, a settlement was arrived at with regard to the Welsh church question. The government bill, which he introduced and which passed through all its stages in the Upper House at one sitting, provided that the Welsh church act should not come into operation till six months after the conclusion of the war. There were also to be certain concessions with regard to life interests that might be established in the interval. On the other hand, these concessions were subject to an agreement being arrived at by leaders of parties that no proposals for the amendment or repeal of the main act should be brought forward for the same period and no agitation made for amendment or repeal, this latter condition applying only to Parliament and not to the country.

RUSSIAN SOCIETY HAS MEETING IN BRITISH CAPITAL

Speaker Affirms Russia Not Satisfied With Present Plan for Circulation of Products

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)

LONDON—The Russian Society, an organization intended to foster good feeling and a better understanding between the peoples of Great Britain and the Russian empire, held its inaugural meeting at the Speaker's house recently. There was a large and distinguished gathering, over which Mrs. James Lowther, wife of the Speaker, presided. Amongst those present were the Russian ambassador, Earl Grey, Lord Charles Beresford, Neil Primrose, under secretary for foreign affairs, and T. P. O'Connor, M. P.

Neil Primrose said they all felt the greatest friendship for their Russian ally. They watched with the deepest admiration the way in which it had guarded and attacked the enormous frontiers in the east. It was not enough that they should merely progress in their friendship, but they should try to understand their national aspirations. They, in the United Kingdom, were a little too much inclined to think that national aspirations could only be political. They always thought that if there were any great national sentiment it must always be in the direction of increased political power to the democracy, because those were the lines upon which most of their domestic political people were thinking.

They must remember that in the case of Russia they had aspirations which were national and legitimate, and those were territorial aspirations. They could not expect a great country like Russia, of overwhelming wealth, which had hardly yet been touched, to feel satisfied with her present arrangements for the circulation of her products all over the world. They must sympathize and learn to understand the legitimate aspirations of Russia, and he sincerely hoped that the end of the war would see her aspirations settled on a basis which would be satisfactory to all the allied parties concerned, because there could be no surer way of having lasting peace than that.

NEW HOSTEL FOR WOMEN OPENS IN ENGLISH CAPITAL

Church Army Establishes Quarters for Emigrants Leaving for the Dominions

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)

LONDON—A hostel established by the Church Army in the Harrow road for the purpose of providing a resting place for women emigrants leaving for Canada, Australia or New Zealand, was opened recently by the Marchioness of Anglesey. The Wortley Hostel, as it is named, is capable of receiving 43 guests, and in case of necessity the number can be increased to 60, by obtaining accommodation at the hostel next door.

The Hon. Maud Housfield, in explaining the work of the British Women's Emigration Association, said that every effort was made to insure the comfort of the girls who were going to the overseas Dominions. They were received at the hostel by the matron, who accompanied them to their destination where employment was waiting for them. When the girls arrived they were under the supervision of correspondents, to whom they could look for guidance and assistance for two years. Australia was helping the Queen's Fund for Women by giving homes to girls out of employment owing to the war. They accepted them even untrained, on the condition that they were willing to learn. The girls received free passages and were given £1 each on landing. Tribute to the good work performed by the British Women's Emigration Association was paid by Richard Reed, agent general for Ontario, and E. H. Turnbull, agent general for New Brunswick.



A motor lorry en route for Soissons with supplies.

ADDRESS MADE ON SWISS IDEAL BY M. MICHELI

Bond of Unity Which Drew Switzerland Together Defined—People Urged to Unite by Strong Faith of Common Ideal

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)

GENEVA, Switzerland—The Journal de Genève has acceded to the numerous requests which have been made for the publication of the address delivered by M. Micheli at Neuchâtel and Zurich recently. M. Micheli defined the bond of unity which drew Switzerland together as the desire common to all to preserve an absolute independence with regard to other powers, and to maintain government by the people and for the people as the theory of internal policy.

In the conclusion of his address, which the Journal de Genève published in extenso, M. Micheli defined the position of Switzerland, as an ethical factor in Europe and in the world. The democratic policies which govern Switzerland have, he said, been transformed into a universal watchword. We have not searched for wisdom and truth solely for the good of our own country, we have held them aloft as ideas which must govern the world. Remembering that the Swiss national flag bears the emblem of the Christian religion, we have deemed it the mission of Switzerland to bring about more charity among nations. This she is doing by her international good works for the relief of suffering, manifested in so many directions during this war. Her faith in her task among nations as a land of liberty and democracy has greatly determined Swiss sympathies and antipathies in the present struggle. As for the great question of neutrality, every Swiss is ready to defend the neutrality of his country against attack, but in the realms of ideas, neutrality is essentially a negative condition. And we cannot live on negation. Where justice and morality are concerned it is impossible to be neutral.

Our moral and national life must be fed by a positive ideal. If we intend to exist as a nation in the middle of peoples whose national life has received such a tremendous impulse, we cannot be satisfied with negation. Rather must we oppose to the German, French, Italian, Austrian or British ideals, a superior ideal, not merely Swiss, but broad as the world, broad as Christianity. However great the gratitude which Switzerland feels towards her army and toward her government for the tasks which they are performing in this period of crisis, she feels that her role in the war cannot be characterized merely by the care of her own interests. While maintaining an attitude of respect toward those nations who are risking their all in the conflict, she must also hold aloft her ideals of liberty, of justice and of love.

The war will not last forever. And at its close, when the work of reconstruction has to be undertaken, Switzerland will have her part to play, not in the solving of insoluble problems, or in determining the right or wrong of controversies, but in putting before humanity a political, social, and moral ideal in accordance with her public institutions, acceptable by all as conforming to the noblest aspirations of people and to the teaching of the Christian religion. Europe has, during the latter half of the nineteenth century, believed too much in the prestige of great powers.

Let us oppose material force in whatever direction it manifests itself. It will never be through material strength that Switzerland will be great. And as long as men aim at material conquest armed conflicts are inevitable, and war will not cease. But apart from material ambitions and material strength there is another world of infinite extent affording infinite openings to the legiti-

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GERMAN ACTION ON SUPPLIES IS GIVEN CRITICISM

Government Program Regarding Economic Situation Inadequate Says Socialist Organ

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)

BERLIN, Germany—A leading article in the Vorwärts recently severely criticized the action of the government with regard to the economic situation. On Aug. 18, 1914, and again in November last, it pointed out, the leaders of the Socialist party had presented a definite war-program to the government, though only the smallest part of the demands made had so far been complied with. Now, the Vorwärts continued, the population is suffering from a scarcity of provisions, and from high prices, and the reason for this is not so much the economic struggle with England, as the procrastination of which the government has been guilty.

The government, the Socialist organ proceeded, has done practically nothing to assure and increase, as far as possible, the production of the next harvest. The cultivation of some tracts of waste land and the planting of vegetables and potatoes on railway land and in forests has not helped much; it should have been based upon a regular plan, and the produce obtained placed at the service of the community as a whole, irrespective of private interests. Up to this day everything remained absolutely unorganized in agricultural production.

In the press and in the Prussian Diet special charges have been brought against the minister of agriculture. The occasional reports, although officially denied, of differences of opinion among the government departments concerned with the regulation of provision supplies are therefore very probably true.

If our chief demand, namely the requisitioning of the stocks of corn and flour, has been complied with, the Vorwärts concluded, all our remaining desires are fulfilled. The increase in the price of potatoes and potato preparations, the unchecked rise of prices in the meat and cattle market, the increase in the price of industrial raw products, in consequence of the withholding of stocks of potatoes, and the raising of the price of bread on the part of flour dealers and bakers, points to anything but the realization of the Socialist demands, necessary as that realization is in the interest both of those at home and those at the front.

POLISH LEADERS HOLD CONFERENCE

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)

BERLIN, Germany—According to the Dziennik Powszechny the Polish party in the lower house of the Prussian Diet recently held a meeting in Berlin, which was attended by almost all the Polish members of the Reichstag and of the upper house, as well as by former Polish delegates and five members of the Polish party in the Austrian Parliament.

The subject under discussion was the present situation of the Polish nation, and the conference lasted for five hours. The Polish nation, the Dziennik Powszechny observed, has complete confidence in its leaders, and is assured that they will take the necessary steps to protect Polish national interests at a time which is of the utmost importance for Poland.

TASMANIAN FRUIT EXPORT

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)

HOBART, Tasmania—A record quantity of fruit was shipped from Tasmania in 1914, the number of cases exported totaling 2,013,712, of which 768,708 cases were shipped to the United Kingdom; 72,175 to Germany and the continent; 55,538 to South America, and 1,119,296 cases were consigned to Australian ports, a proportion of which were probably to be transhipped overseas.

BRITISH WITNESS TELLS HOW FOOD REACHES TROOPS

Writer Says Campaign Is First in History of Army Where There Has Been No Complaint as to Quality or Quantity of Food

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)

LONDON—A despatch of exceptional interest dealing with the question of how the army is fed, has been received from Eye-witness and is issued for publication through the press bureau. The Eye-witness writes, by which the immense volume of food required for man and horse is conveyed to the troops is, in theory, simple enough. The difficulties lie in its application to the supply of an army which is equivalent in numbers to the population of a great city, may be constantly moving from place to place with its goods and chattels, horses, carts and motors, and is frequently liable to interference from the enemy.

During peace the reserve supplies for the whole of our army are maintained in the supply reserve depot. When mobilization became imminent, all these stores were at once transferred to the home base port, that is to say the port where supplies are accumulated for shipment overseas. Contracts were made to provide and maintain the necessary articles forming the soldiers' ration, and ships were loaded and sent to the overseas bases. At these supply depots and field bakeries were established. Owing to the course taken by the operations in August, these great accumulations of stores had to be moved, but in spite of the tremendous task involved in their shipment to one port after another, the whole machinery of supply continued to work smoothly throughout all the early vicissitudes of the campaign.

Changes

From the stores thus collected at a base, food is sent up by rail to a "regulating station." From this place of assembly and distribution, trains, each made up of trucks carrying the right proportion of each kind of article required, are despatched to the "railheads," which are the stations nearest to the troops to which it is possible to work the railway. There is usually a separate railhead station for each corps. At these points the supplies are loaded on convoys of motor lorries called "supply columns," each trainload being so divided up among two or more columns as to serve the different formations, divisions and so forth, of which a corps is composed.

The supply columns convey the food to a suitable rendezvous previously selected, which of course varies daily when troops are moving. There they are met by representatives of the division or other formation which is to be fed, and conducted to "refilling points" selected daily in the same way as the rendezvous. For the cavalry there are no refilling points, and the supplies are carried by the supply columns direct to units. At each refilling point the supply column is met by the horse wagons of the "supply sections of the train" of the division, and its contents are again subdivided according to the scale authorized for each unit, and are reloaded. The horse wagons convey the food to the units, battalions of infantry, brigades of artillery, and so forth. A factor which has, at times, increased the difficulty of the work of feeding the army has been the transference of great masses of men from one part of the line to the other.

Supply Columns

These changes have often had to be made at short notice, and a railroad may have had to be adapted within a few hours for the accommodation of a vast amount of rolling stock and for loading and unloading lorries in the shortest possible time. What this entails may be imagined when it is remembered that the only railroad available may consist of a small wayside station, where there is perhaps only room for one row of lorries at a time, and the entrances and exits to the station have to be widened and other preparations made to handle the large number of vehicles required to cater for one or more army corps. The excellence of the performance of the supply columns during the present campaign is shown by the fact that, except during the retirement, not a single day has passed upon which food has not reached our men.

In addition to the importation of food, resort has been made to requisitioning on the country, and large purchases have been made of cattle, hay, wheat, vegetables, oats and straw, all of which the inhabitants have readily placed at our disposal. Fruit was plentiful during the season, and the country people were very generous in giving it to our soldiers while it lasted. Our own bread, baked at the base by our own bakers in the open, has reached the troops regularly. It keeps well, which is important, for it cannot well be less than four days old by the time it is eaten.

Considerable help, also, has been given by the French intendants in regard to

the supply of French ration bread. This has remarkable keeping qualities, and is considered perfectly fit to eat when 12 to 14 days old. The French authorities have also offered to provide cattle. Sometimes biscuit has been issued in lieu of bread, the small oblong or round biscuits being preferred to the old large square-pattern.

Meals

The soldier has bacon for breakfast, bread and cheese for luncheon, a hot meal of meat, vegetables and bread for dinner, and bread and jam with his tea. In case of emergency he carries with him an "iron ration," composed of preserved meat, biscuit, tea, sugar and two concentrated meat tubes. Since the commencement of the campaign several additions have been made to the scale of food ordinarily allowed. Pea soup is provided twice a week for the troops in the trenches, and butter is substituted twice a week for jam.

In these circumstances it is not surprising that this is the first campaign in the history of the army in which there has been no grumbling as to the quantity or quality of the food. Indeed, the most serious complaint that has ever been made is that plum jam has been issued too frequently. There may not be much pleasure, Eye-witness says in conclusion, in the life led by the driver of the motor lorry, but those who imagine that he leads an uneventful banal existence, or that the Army Service Corps is a non-combatant branch of the army should hear the experience of some of these men. They included, early in the war, many narrow escapes from hostile cavalry patrols, long night journeys without lights over bad roads between the hostile lines, and daily drives over the open stretch of a plateau swept by howitzer shells. Even under present conditions, he adds, the work is arduous and not always free from danger.

GRAIN SUPPLY IN DENMARK

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor) COPENHAGEN, Denmark—The Danish government has now been informed of the result of the investigation regarding the stock of grain in Denmark. It shows that there is sufficient rye and wheat to last until next harvest, and an adequate supply of feeding stuff for domestic animals.



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Progress of Events in Centers of Eastern Hemisphere

PLEA MADE FOR WORKERS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

H. M. Hyndman Points Out Part Taken by Workers in the War and Advocates Government Control of the Wheat Supply

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)
LONDON—In a letter to the Morning Post, H. M. Hyndman makes a plea for the workers. It is commonly stated, he says, that "we" do not fully understand that we are at war. Who are "we"? This may be true of the well-to-do class; it is not at all correct in regard to the wage earners. They know at only too well. How can it be otherwise? Even the trade unionists, who are being lectured and attacked by Mr. Lloyd George and others, are doing more than their share in the way of enlistment. The miners alone have sent 200,000 men to be trained for the front. They were not forced into the army by poverty; that is certain, for their average wages at the time they joined the colors were 8s. 3d. a day. The railway men have provided some 70,000 of Lord Kitchener's army. And so on throughout. They all appreciate what war means. Of the total of more than 2,000,000 troops now at the disposal of the government (when, at last, their equipment and munitions are ready), fully 95 per cent belong to the working class.

But not only are they doing nearly the whole of the fighting abroad, but they and their families are bearing by far the greater part of the sacrifices at home. I hear all round me that people of "fixed incomes" are feeling the pinch of increased prices. No doubt. But they are not undergoing the actual pressure as short-timers and families in receipt of 25s. a week, or 21 a week, and women, married and single, earning only 10s. a week unquestionably are. What is happening is even yet not understood by the workers themselves. They mostly regard the privations they are undergoing as their share of the burden of this necessary war. Yet the sovereign today has a purchasing power in regard to necessities of life of only 15s. 6d. as compared with the value of the same coin in 1901.

Depreciation

Consider what that means. The woman with 10s. a week obtains, rent included, less than 1s. a day to live upon. Yet when it was asked by the women members of the national workers' committee that this beggarly pittance should be increased in the public workshops 16 per cent, in view of the increase of prices to the tune of 22 per cent since July, their request was refused. Refused, too, by the cabinet committee for relief of distress, of which J. Ramsay MacDonald, M. P. for Leicester, is a member.

Now, Sir, I venture to affirm that the position of the whole of the wage earning class of this island calls for more moderate treatment by the government and the principal organs of the press than it is receiving at present, if serious trouble in the near future is to be avoided. That the overwhelming majority of the workers are in favor of the most effective possible conduct of the war is indisputable. As a nation we all mean to fight on till Prussian militarism is finally crushed.

That is decided once for all. Surely, however, it is the duty of our rulers to save the mass of the people from wholly unnecessary privation, during this unprecedented struggle, owing to circumstances quite outside of their own control. If wheat and coal can be kept at the prices which obtained before the war, ought not this to be done even at considerable possible cost to the national exchequer?

Wheat

Two such very different bodies as the national workers' committee and Mr. Bonar Law were of this opinion some months ago. Both advised the government, unknown to one another, that supplies of wheat should be commandeered in Great Britain and bought outside Great Britain, at the comparatively low price of 30s. a quarter then ruling, to such an extent as would prevent any serious rise of price in this country. The reply to the national workers' committee was merely contemptuous. Anyhow, a great blunder was made. But that is no reason why the people should suffer by having to pay 3d. 4d. the quarter loaf instead of 17d. or 18d. the outside 3d. Let the government do now at the national level what they could, and ought to have done long ago to national gain all round; purchase wheat and secure the sale of bread at or near the price paid before the war, charging the difference to the national exchequer.

NEW SOUTH WALES MINERALS
(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)
SYDNEY, New South Wales—According to the annual statement issued by the mines department, 1914 was a record year for mineral productivity in New South Wales; the production for the year, valued at £12,095,084, being the highest in the history of the state. The aggregate value of the minerals produced now exceeds £240,000,000, in which amount coal is represented by about £75,000,000; silver and lead by £27,000,000, and gold stands for £20,000,000.

GERMAN POTATO MARKET HIGHLY UNSATISFACTORY

Many Papers Claim That Solution to Problem Is Government Monopoly of Supply

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)
BERLIN, Germany—According to the German press the situation in the potato market continues to be highly unsatisfactory, and the authorities still refrain from proclaiming the government monopoly of the potato supply, which, according to many newspapers and the Socialist press in particular, would alone solve the problem. Instead of this the federal council has endeavored to relieve the situation by means of two decrees, one raising the price of potatoes used for fodder, and the other fixing the requisition price to be paid for pigs at the average price prevailing on the Berlin market in January.

Neither of these measures, however, have been greeted with approval by the press. The effect of the first, the Vorwaerts points out, will be to contribute to the rise in the price of bread, in which so much potato flour is now used, while it is felt that much more energetic action should be taken with regard to the reduction of live stock than that indicated by the latest decree.

Meanwhile the stocks of potatoes for ordinary consumption continue to be withheld, and an order issued by the Governor of Brandenburg recently, repealing the maximum prices fixed for the retail trade, has failed to have the desired effect of tempting owners to relinquish their stocks, and has so far merely resulted in the rise of the price from 50 and 60 pfg. for 10 pounds to 1 mark.

In the opinion of the Vorwaerts conditions can only be radically improved by the introduction of regulated prices for the entire country, and the same argument is stated to hold good for the price of pigs and pork, which is at present steadily rising. It is definitely announced that the government does not intend to deal with the latter question for the moment, but the fact that the Federal Council is about to order a census of the stocks of potatoes in the country may mean that more energetic measures are shortly to be taken in that connection. The attitude of the public on the question is indicated by the tone of a resolution which was unanimously adopted by a large public meeting held at Cassel recently. After declaring that the government ought to reduce the price at present in force, and that the only way to relieve the situation, especially with regard to potatoes and meat, was by empowering and obliging local authorities to confiscate supplies, if necessary at the cost of the state, the resolution continued: The meeting recognizes that by the confiscation of supplies of corn, the government has taken an important first step. On the other hand the maximum prices were fixed too late and are too high. They have become normal prices, so that the food of the people is so dear that the broad masses cannot obtain enough to eat.

SOUTH AFRICAN SUGAR PLANT TO INCREASE OUTPUT

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)
CAPETOWN, South Africa—As a consequence of the shortage of imported loaf sugar, the South African sugar refineries of Natal have decided to lay down additional machinery for the production of a larger quantity of the article in South Africa. The chairman said that the output of loaf sugar had not been large in the past, owing to an unaccountable prejudice against the locally made article, but that prejudice was gradually disappearing, and the output would consequently increase. He estimated the consumption of this form of sugar in South Africa at something under 200,000 tons per annum.

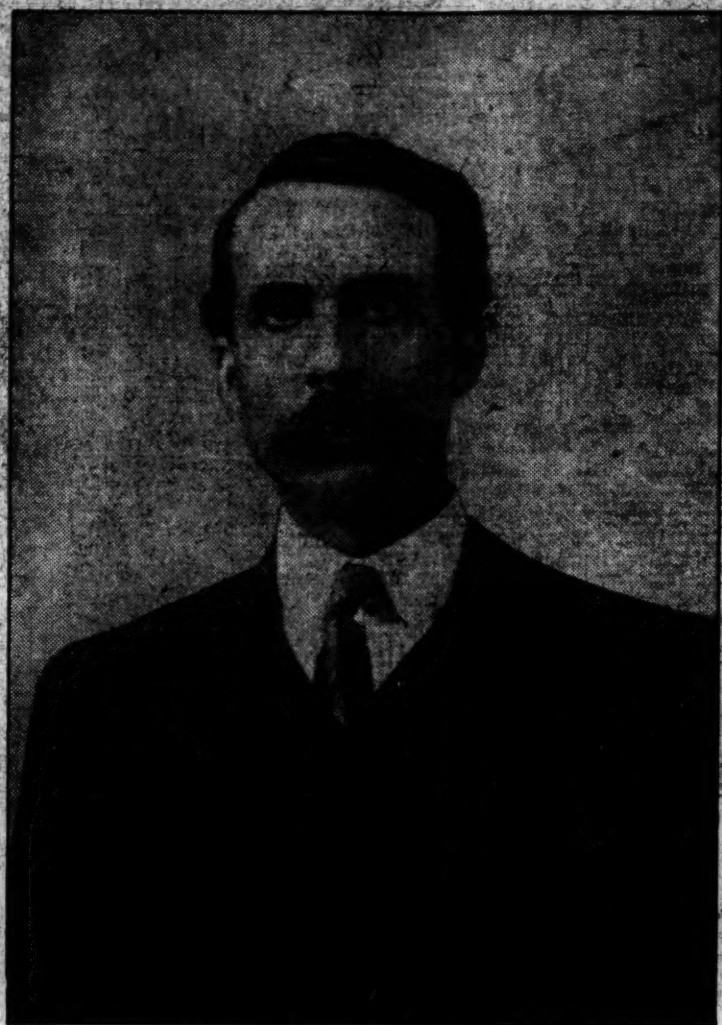
In a leading article, a prominent Natal newspaper states that there is every prospect that the output of sugar in Natal for 1914-15 will not only realize the estimate, but may substantially exceed it. An earlier estimate published by another paper gave the probable figures as 90,000 tons, whereas it is now stated that the output is expected to be from 100,000 to 105,000 tons.

WOMEN POLICE IS PLAN URGED IN EDINBURGH

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)
EDINBURGH, Scotland—At a meeting of the chief constables recently held in Edinburgh, the secretary, Mr. Crawford, reported that 770 members of the Scottish police force were at present serving in the army and navy.

At the same meeting a motion was carried in favor of the appointment of women as police constables, to carry out any duty for which a chief constable might consider them qualified. Application will be made to the secretary for Scotland for authority to appoint them, and for a grant in aid of their remuneration.

Special reference was made to the splendid service rendered by a woman recently appointed in Aberdeen, and several chief constables spoke from personal experience of the good work that women were doing in other districts.



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Senator C. F. Pearce

DIFFICULTIES AT SYDNEY SHIPYARD ARE CONSIDERED

Senator Pearce Tells Workmen of Their Duty to the Government as Well as Themselves

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)
MELBOURNE, Aus.—Some months ago the shipbuilding dockyard at Cockatoo island, Sydney, was taken over by the Commonwealth government, subsequent to which some labor difficulties arose in connection with the working of the yard.

During a recent official visit to the island, the minister for defense, Senator Pearce, addressing the workmen, referred to these difficulties, pointing out that the manager and staff, like the workmen themselves, had a duty to perform, and they should regard the manager, not as a hard taskmaster or as one opposed to their interests, but as a fellow-workman who was working with them to attain a certain end, and at the same time to see that the men under him were justly treated.

As a member of a Labor government, Senator Pearce said he believed in men getting a fair day's pay, but there was another side to that which he asked the workmen not to forget, viz., that the government had as much right to expect a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, as the employees had a right to expect that every man and boy in the dock yard should get a fair day's pay. He looked to them for the loyal cooperation which would make shipbuilding in Australia a success, for he wished to show the world that Britons in Australia could build ships just as well as Britons in the northern hemisphere.

Brilliant proof had already been given, the minister said, that Australia could man ships efficiently and effectively, and he was sure that the men he was addressing would prove that Australia could build ships. He appealed to them, as the man responsible for the taking over to the island, to demonstrate not only to Australia, but to the world, that the action had not been a mistake. Continuing, Senator Pearce assured the men of his desire to cooperate with them, and said that so long as he was minister their unions would have the absolute right to represent their cause to him, and he asked them for their best efforts at all times, not only in their daily work, but also that they might settle within the yard any difficulties which might arise.

VENICE FACING FINANCIAL CRISIS

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)
VENICE, Italy—The mayor of Venice has published a statement concerning the grave economic situation of the city, due to the scant traffic in the port and the complete absence of visitors from abroad. To meet the severe crisis the city administration has for six months provided work for the unemployed and administered aid to the absolutely needy, but no longer has the means to carry on this work, which has already cost the city 3,250,000 lire.

An application to the central government has elicited the reply that no assistance can be given to the city, as no such precedent could be established for the larger cities, and no special law would be made for Venice. The city council has made another appeal to Rome for assistance, but it is exceedingly doubtful if any aid will be accorded; and the city will probably be obliged to deal with the crisis as it comes.

ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN DURING WAR EXTENSIVE

Account Given of Madame Brigode's Work and the Accomplishments of Women's Emergency Corps—Peace Is Urged

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)
LONDON—Mrs. Jane Brigode, who on the occasion of her visit to London last summer to attend the congress of the International Suffragette, gave a representative of The Christian Science Monitor a most interesting account of the growth of the women's movement in Belgium, and the day following Germany's ultimatum to her country, devoted her spare energies to the relief of unemployment and destitution caused by the war. Mrs. Brigode, the organ of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance, in an article by Helene Goblet d'Alviella, states that on Aug. 3, at a meeting of the Belgian Suffragettes for Women's Suffrage, which was presided over by Madame Brigode, she proposed the organization of a bureau for the "centralization of feminine energy." Eight days later the Patriotic Union was founded with Madame Brigode as its president, and Mlle. Louise Van den Plas as her able cooperator.

The union almost immediately had to deal with the unemployment difficulty. The industries were coming to a stop, factories were closing and shops shutting. At first work was distributed on a small scale; then came the German occupation and the unemployment problem became more acute. Private means were totally inadequate to deal with the demands made upon the union, and Madame Brigode laid its imperative needs before the National Relief Committee which realized the importance of the work which was being accomplished and granted a regular subsidy. Since that date unemployment has been dealt with on an exceedingly large scale.

Austro-German Letter

An open letter from German and Austrian women in answer to that sent by English women at Christmas time is published in Juss. Suffragi. The letter begins as follows: "To our English sisters, sisters of the same race, we express in the name of many German women our warm and heartfelt thanks for their Christmas greetings, which we only heard of lately. This message was a confirmation of what we foresaw, namely, that women of the belligerent countries, with all faithfulness, devotion and love to their country, can go beyond it and maintain true solidarity with the women of other belligerent nations, and that really civilized women never lose their humanity." The letter closes with the expression of the wish that the deep community of feeling of many women of all nations "may lay the immovable foundation for the building up of German, English and international relations, which must finally lead to a strong international law of the peoples, so that the peoples of Europe may never again be visited with such wars as these."

Socialist women's meetings have been held in Switzerland by Frau Balabanoff of Milan, at which she emphasized the opposition between the Socialist ideal and the capitalistic world war. She made an appeal to the Swiss to demand peace, an appeal which has been endorsed by the editor of the Gleichheit, who is of the opinion that all Swiss women should sign a demand for peace, and that the demand should be sent to belligerent governments. This action, he thinks, would arouse women of those countries to work for peace.

Norway

In Norway a government bill proposes that an amendment shall be made to the Norwegian law which will allow of women being admitted to be king's counsellors. A further proposal is to the effect that "Women, belonging to the Church of Norway can, as members of the king's council, be appointed heads of the ecclesiastical and the educational departments."

The half-yearly report issued by the Women's Emergency corps is formed of a series of minor reports dealing with the departments into which the work is subdivided. They include social relief, clothing, emergency work rooms, knitting, kitchen work, the guild of house-craft, handy women, paid employment, toy making, refugee relief which includes many subsections, the women's volunteer reserve, land department and the labor bureau.

Under the heading "work accomplished" the following record is chronicled: "As the results of hundreds of personal interviews, we have registered and classified over 3800 voluntary workers, 1474

tested workers in the social relief department alone have been sent to other organizations requiring assistance. Fifty philanthropic societies have received bundles of clothing from our store; 19 army units have been sent parcels of comforts; two tons of clothing from Nelson, New Zealand, has been distributed to 51 poor parishes, hospitals and societies; 28,378 meals have been served in our kitchens; 900 interpreters have been dealt with; 2000 have been housed; 1675 have been clothed; 184 English women have received hospitality; 708 English women have been clothed; 20,000 names have been card-indexed in connection with the work of the corps.

The toy-making department's work, when considered in conjunction with the further effort which is being made in the same direction by the East London Federation premises to develop into a regular woman's industry. At the toy fair which is to be held at the Agricultural hall, Islington, a stall will be devoted to toys which have been made through the enterprise of suffragettes. The workshop in the Old Ford road managed by Miss Sylvia Pankhurst gives work to 20 women. The toy department of the Women's Emergency corps is run on a cooperative basis and has 20 branches in various parts of the country.

AREA UNDER CROP SHOWS ADVANCE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Figures Given by Government Statist to Indicate Rise Within Past Few Years

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)
ADELAIDE, South Australia—Some interesting particulars showing the increase in the area under crop, fallow, and sown grasses in South Australia have been published by the government statist. In 1883-4 the area under cultivation was 2,754,580 acres, in 1903-4, it was 3,291,083 acres, and in 1913-14, 4,769,469 acres, an increase of 2,014,889 acres, or 73 per cent, on the record of 30 years ago, and 1,478,376 acres, or 45 per cent, on that of 10 years ago. During the last five years there has been a substantial increase in the area annually placed in fallow. In 1908-10 the fallow land totaled 1,189,450 acres, whilst in 1913-14 the acreage placed in fallow for the following season was 1,569,623 acres. The area of fallow land sown last season was nearly equal to half the total area under cereals, and this proportion has been fairly maintained during the last five seasons.

The area actually under crop for the 1913-14 season was 3,109,559 acres, an increase on the previous season of 106,661 acres. Of the total area, 3,104,366 acres were under cereals for grain, hay, and fodder, the balance of the area being devoted to vineyards, orchards, and market gardens. The area under cereals for grain and hay in 1883-4 was 2,256,542 acres, and in 1913-14 it was 3,104,366 acres, the increase being equal to 88 per cent. In comparison with 10 years previously the area under wheat, barley, oats, and hay shows an increase of 911,083 acres, or 41 per cent.

POTATO TICKETS IN GERMANY

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)
BERLIN, Germany—According to the Berlin press, Wilmersdorf, a suburb of Berlin, is about to issue potato tickets, allotting to each inhabitant for payment 20 pounds of potatoes weekly from the municipal stocks.

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ENGLISH PLAYERS OPEN IN
"SIN OF DAVID" AT PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH THEATRE—The English Players in "The Sin of David," a three-act drama in verse by Stephen Phillips. First production in this country. Evening of April 6. The cast:

Hubert Lisle George Ralph
Colonel Mardryke Franklin Dyll
Cotton Alexander Calvert
Crabtree Frank Conroy
Finch Herbert Stanford
March L. E. Strang
Iron L. E. Strang
A Doctor Charles Combe
A Messenger Helen Landers
Ratcliffe H. Ashton
Joyce Leonard Mude
Miriam V. Birkett
Martha Agnes Elliot Scott
A Nurse Beatrice Terry
A Serving Woman Helen Landers
Followed by "The Van Dycke," a one-act comedy by Cosmo Gordon Lennox. First time here. The cast:

Arthur Blair Wellington
John Peters Claude Beerbohm
Dr. Porter John Murray
Frank Conroy

At the Plymouth theater last evening the English Players opened their preliminary repertory season with Stephen Phillips' verse drama of the sixteenth century "The Sin of David," and Cosmo Gordon Lennox's one-act comedy "The Van Dycke," with a fairly large audience attending.

The occasion was a happy one in that it proved the newly formed repertory company capable of work of the highest order. It was a happy one, too, in that it was an earnest of a project which has as its purpose the presentation of plays of intrinsic value. Whether the first bill has been well chosen, however, remains to be seen, since "The Sin of David," for all the intense dramatic values involved, speaks only through the mask of tragedy, and will best please those who have interest in it as a literary as well as a dramatic production.

The original play was written some 10 or 12 years ago and based directly upon the Biblical story of David and Uriah. Owing to the strictness of British censorship, its setting was translated into the sixteenth century. David and Uriah become officers in the parliamentary army. It was not produced in England until this last season, however, and has never before been presented in this country.

Sir Hubert Lisle, high commander in the parliamentary forces waging war in the Fen country with the Cavaliers, comes to take charge of the army headquarters in the home of Colonel Mardryke, a dour, Puritanical old soldier. Arriving afeared with zeal of warfare and sternly acclaiming the virtues that those fighting in the cause must possess, he soon falls in love with Miriam, his host's young wife. Straightway he becomes a man distraught, a commander infirm of purpose, torn between his infatuation and his sense of right.

At the crucial moment of the inward struggle, there comes an order directing the despatch of an officer on a mission from which there can be no return. The colonel is selected by Lisle and dons his armor with fanatic zeal. And as the hoofs of his horse are heard clattering from the courtyard for the last time, Sir Hubert, opening the Bible at random, reads the verse wherein David sends Uriah to the battlement.

Later we find Lisle and Miriam married and happy with their child. It is exactly three years to a day since Lisle had given the fatal orders to Mardryke. War is still raging. Of a sudden two events occur. Lisle is ordered to command a desperate sally and the child is stricken with a mysterious illness. The husband returns safely but to find that the child has expired. In belated repentance, Lisle confesses his plot against Mardryke to Miriam, who, horrified, declares that they must separate forever. But in eloquent speech Lisle dissuades her from this sacrifice, arguing that the loss of the child constitutes at once a punishment and an atonement and holding thereafter their marriage shall be a spiritual one, and that they shall work out their salvation together.

As may be readily assumed from this story, Mr. Phillips' play contains dramatic material of the most forceful quality, somber though it may be. It has been the author's choice, however, to give emphasis to the literary rather than the theatrical values of the piece with the result that it lends itself to reading far better than to acting.

As a stage production it has one or two rather serious faults. It is distinctly "thin" in quality. There is a paucity of lines and paucity of action that gives one the impression of having skimmed over a story worth from a dramatic point of view—more careful perusal. A play so written makes heavy demands upon the talents of any com-

pany and it was much to the credit of the English Players last evening that they met these demands admirably.

It is, of course, somewhat of a question as to how popular verse drama may be. Certainly with the addition of stage spectacles, as in Mr. Phillips' "Herod," it has proved highly acceptable. Without this spectacular interest, it would seem to have its legitimate appeal to that class of playgoers who have a sincere interest in plays of some purpose beyond that of merely offering a transient amusement. But it is interesting to note in this connection that though Boston has the reputation of being rather well populated with this particular class of playgoers, it has been the experience of theatrical managers that these good people who join dramatic clubs readily and who talk much of the uplifted drama give but scant support when such attractions are presented here.

An important feature of the presentation of verse drama is the reading of the lines. In this the English Players did excellently with the exception of Miss Birkett, who was often understood last evening only with difficulty. Mr. Dyll's Colonel Mardryke was a thoroughly artistic piece of work. Without affectation or over-emphasis he played the grim-visaged, zealous Cromwellian officer impressively. It was a characterization that rang true throughout. Mr. Ralph, who is now well known in Boston for his work in repertory, was admirably fitted to the part of Lisle. His work is always best when he is given plenty of lines, and indeed he rises in the favor of his audience in direct ratio to the length of his speeches, so pleasing are his diction and address.

Miss Birkett, who has also made many friends in Boston, did not quite depict the restless, rebellious young wife chafing under the restraint of her surroundings, that her lines would make us believe her to be. But she possesses a very certain artistry that is full of grace and finesse. The supporting company which filled the minor roles was most satisfactory.

As a whole the play was admirably presented. There is every reason to believe that the English Players are capable of giving performances of the finest quality, and one may look forward with anticipation to the several excellent productions which they now have in preparation.

"The Van Dycke" proved a most original comedy that delighted and thoroughly puzzled the audience up to the moment of its final curtain. Its unexpected denouement proved a clever bit of dramatic legerdemain. To tell the story would be to spoil it for those who have yet to see it. Enough to say that it deals with a most ingenious gentleman Raffles and an amusing "middle class" amateur connoisseur. Both Mr. Beerbohm and Mr. Mude were capital and proved themselves comedians of no little talent.

"THE LITTLE CAFE"
BACK IN BOSTON AT
HOLLIS THEATER

HOLLIS STREET THEATRE—"The Little Cafe," a musical comedy in three acts, book and lyrics by C. M. S. McCallan, music by Ivan Caryll; evening of April 5. The cast:

Philbert Maurice Cass
Yvonne Marjorie Gatenon
Albert Lorain John S. Young
Katzelinka Blanche Morrison
Bignodon Maxfield Moore
Acolone Harry Depp
Gaby Gaudette Edna Munsey
Louise Beale Stewart
Baron Tomblin E. H. Woodley
Prince Max Collin Campbell
Colonel Kiln F. Stanton Heck

"The Little Cafe," given in Boston last year before large houses, opened a two weeks' engagement at the Hollis Street theater Monday evening. It is a musical comedy in three acts, book and lyrics by C. M. S. McCallan, music by Ivan Caryll. The piece is founded on the French farce with the same title by Tristan Bernard. It portrays the adventures of a man of good family driven by circumstances to take the position of waiter in a cafe. He falls heir to a fortune, masquerades as a count, is exposed and finally declared to be a real nobleman with an immense income.

The first scene is said to be a facsimile of a cafe in Montmartre. Judged from a moral standpoint, one would not expect much that was commendable to have its origin in that section of Paris. Objectionable features have been eliminated to a large extent, but some parts of the play could still be revised to advantage. If one can overlook or forget these, there is considerable enjoyment to be had from the comedy element and the melodies.

Comedian John E. Young carries through well the leading part, that of Albert Lorain the waiter, both in acting and singing. Marjorie Gatenon is dainty and charming in the character of Yvonne, daughter of the proprietor of the cafe. Her vocal work and that of Blanche Morrison and Edna Munsey are delightful. Perhaps the most pleasing lyric is "Just Because It's You," of which the audience demanded several repetitions. Maurice Cass, as cafe proprietor, and Maxfield Moore, as a promoter, supply a large amount of fun. Harry Depp, as glass washer in the cafe, has a lively part. A large chorus, attractive dancing and brilliant and pretty scenes fill out the popular production.

ROYAL ARCANUM CLUB PLANS

Royal Arcanum officials and Governor Walsh will be the guests of the Royal Arcanum Club at its ladies night to be held at the American House, Thursday evening, April 22. S. M. Brinson of New Bern, N. C., supreme guide, R. A. C. Morgan, grand regent of Massachusetts, and David E. Dillon, grand vice-regent of the state, are the officers invited.

CHICAGO ART EXHIBITIONS AND NEWS

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from the Chicago Bureau

CHICAGO—The second purchase of paintings for the city of Chicago has been made by the commission for the encouragement of local art. This time it has bought about \$2500 worth from the exhibition of works by artists of Chicago and the vicinity now on at the Art Institute. It has still some \$2000 of its council appropriation left. The latest acquisitions will be hung for a time at the Jones school in the downtown district.

The pieces selected were: "Winter" (aquatint), by Louis Oscar Griffith; "Portrait: Eglise S. Nicholas-des-Champs" (etching), by Otto J. Schneider; "Lake Front at Twelfth Street," by A. F. Toller; "A Village by the Sea," by Pauline Palmer; landscape, by H. Leon Roecker; "Some House," by Alton Clark; "Winter," by A. H. Schmidt; portrait, by Katharine Dudley; "Polly," by Abram Poole; "Icy Rocks," by Alfred Jansson; "Youth and Moonlight," by Edgar S. Cameron; "Evening White," by Frederic Clay Bartlett; "Parasols," by Ada Gilmore; "Dreams of Future," by Oakley Gros.

Change in Jury System

Out of the discussion arising over the award of prizes by the Municipal Art League, whose jury consisted in part of laymen, has come a new plan which will affect both the jury selected by the Chicago Society of Artists and awards by the Municipal Art League. The idea was evolved by the Chicago Society of Artists and recommends according to the communication presented to the trustees of the Art Institute:

First, that all artists living in Chicago and vicinity, who have exhibited pictures in the annual exhibition during any of the past five years, shall be legal voters for the jury.

Second, any legal voter can be elected on the jury each year.

Third, the number of jurors to be elected shall be 21.

Fourth, the hanging committee shall not consist of over three members, who

NEWS OF ART EXHIBITIONS IN
NEW YORK ART GALLERIES

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)

NEW YORK—Two new paintings by Zuloaga of Spain are on view at the Kraushaar gallery. Both are almost life-size pictures of Spanish dancers and are in a vein characteristic of the painter. Against dark green backgrounds the figures stand brilliantly lighted and the pattern and texture of their costumes are an important, almost a dominant part of the decorative plan. The unsmiling faces with their apparent coating of grease paint, admirably modeled and skilfully painted as they are, seem but parts of the decoration.

But this is masterly decoration, a pattern of color and texture and light most vigorously wrought. The details of the designs on the dress goods are repeated with unerring patience and precision over broad, unshadowed blocks of canvas. The painter seemed to enjoy doing it. The long silk fringe of the shawl meant even brush strokes of a particular kind 20 inches long but never a one fails. The paintings are a technical tour de force.

Zuloaga's place is important, yet in seeking to place him among his contemporaries one thinks first of his decorative quality, then of his technical mastery, and then hesitates. We admire his art without being moved by his humanity. One turns to his countryman, Sorolla.

There is the love of life, of sunshine, of youth and its gaiety in Sorolla. The mood is humanly likable and his paintings are a joy to the world. He is universal; Zuloaga's vision is austere and rather gloomily Spanish.

In the Bibliothèque Nationale in Madrid, which is a gallery of modern Spanish paintings, four out of five of the subjects are gloomy scenes, most of them rather terrible. History has been searchingly combed for tragic scenes to paint. The canvases are very large and the treatment of a high order. These are not men of small talent. But their subjects are nearly all of this unpleasant type and the bent, apparently, is characteristically Spanish.

Schoolboy Modernists

Alfred Stieglitz's Little Gallery of the Photo-Secession, in its devotion to modern movements in art away from convention, has followed the Marin exhibition with one of drawings by boys from 8 to 14 years old, pupils of one of New York city's elementary schools. Two shows in former years were of work by untalented boys and girls from 3 to 11. The aim of this series is to "disclose the invaluable quality of individual observation and the equally valuable impulse toward individual expression, that is present in the unconscious child."

It is possible also that the exhibitions have been intended to disclose the intimate relation between the free, imaginative work of unguided children and that of many modernist painters. And it must be said that the similarity is striking.

The artist work of these boys, many

shall be members of the jury, and elected by the jury.

Fifth, all prizes and awards shall be made by a jury of award. The five jurors receiving the highest number of votes constitute the jury of award, it being understood that no member of the jury of award shall be in competition for any of the prizes.

Sixth, this resolution has no reference to the silver medal of the Chicago Society of Artists, which shall be awarded as heretofore.

Seventh, this resolution further has no reference to the selection of the purchase fund pictures, which shall not be considered as prizes.

Architectural Exhibition

The annual Chicago architectural exhibition will be opened in the Art Institute April 8, continuing until April 28. Assistance in managing the exhibition has been rendered to the Chicago Architectural Club by the Illinois Society of Architects, the Illinois chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Art Institute. The exhibits will include the following:

Drawings of the permanent buildings at the Panama-California exposition at San Diego and the New York city building at the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco by Bertram G. Goodhue; series of designs for various buildings of Johns Hopkins University by Grosvenor Atterbury, New York; decorated panels in inlaid wood designed by Frank Brangwyn; designs for the Minneapolis Museum of Fine Arts and the McKinley

birthplace memorial competition by McKim, Mead & White; drawings from the architectural schools of several universities, and also the drawing awarded the traveling scholarship in the Chicago Architectural Club competition; details of residences by Charles A. Platt of New York and others. The architects who delivered the Scammon lectures are also to be represented in the exhibition: Ralph Adams Cram, Thomas Hastings of Carrère & Hastings, and Claude Bragdon. Mr. Bragdon shows some "transparencies" made by the color photography process of his work in Rochester, N. Y.

Art Notes From Chicago

The Art Students League will hold its annual exhibition at the Art Institute from April 8 to 28. The exhibition by a group of Chicago artists announced for this period has been changed to May.

Fifty etchings of Joseph Pennell from the permanent collection of the Art Institute are now hung in one of the galleries.

Edwin H. Blashfield will exhibit his mural paintings made for the home of Everett Morris in Boston at the Art Institute during April.

An exceedingly interesting collection of brocades is now on display in two galleries of the museum. They are Nishiki and Kirin brocades from China and Japan, specimens dating from 1400 to 1812 put together to illustrate the historical development and varieties of weave and design. What the weavers of the east did in the middle ages has never been equaled, it is claimed by students of these ancient textiles.

Sunday afternoon concerts at the institute given through the winter under the auspices of the Woman's Club will come to an end the last Sunday in April. The series has been highly enjoyable and well attended.

"Modern Painting" is the subject of 10 lectures which have been begun on Friday afternoons in Fullerton hall by Miss Lucy Driscoll of the institute and the University of Chicago. "The Rise of Modern Landscape" is the theme of her lecture on April 9.

NEW OFFERINGS
PRESENTED ON
BOSTON STAGES

The following plays and entertainments opened engagements in Boston theaters last night:

PLYMOUTH THEATRE—"The Sin of David," by Stephen Phillips, played by the English players. A verse drama of the sixteenth century, its theme borrowed from the biblical story of David and Uriah, well written but somber, and well presented by an all-English company.

SHUBERT THEATRE—"Tonight's the Night," a musical comedy, presented by the London Gaiety Company. A well mounted piece full of fun and entertainment, clever and swift in action, the costumes and settings in excellent taste.

HOLLIS THEATRE—"The Little Cafe," a musical comedy, interesting as to its plot, tuneful as to its music, gorgeous as to its settings. The company is improved since the piece appeared here a year ago.

MAJESTIC THEATRE—"The Blue Bird," by Maurice Maeterlinck, an allegory of the children's search for happiness. Not seen here for two years. The cast is greatly changed but the production is a good one.

BOSTON THEATRE—"Aida" in English by the Aborn opera company, well cast and well sung. Artists, orchestra and chorus do excellent work.

KEITH'S THEATRE—Gertrude Hoffman's Review, a little singing, a little dancing and much burlesque.

NEGATIVE WINS
RADCLIFFE DEBATE

On a voice vote the negative side was given the decision in the debate of the Civics Club of Radcliffe College yesterday on the question, "Resolved, that the interests of permanent peace demand an increase in our army and navy." A vote of the college is to be taken on the question.

The affirmative team consisted of Elizabeth Jackson gr., Frances Burlingame '16, Elizabeth Brandeis '18 and Ceila Budd '18; the negative, Elizabeth Hawthorn gr., Alice Bryant '17, Adele Blauvelt '16 and Hortense White '17.

AMUSEMENTS

BOSTON THEATRE

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ABORN COMPANY BEGINS ITS
SEASON OF OPERA IN ENGLISH

BOSTON THEATRE—Verdi's opera "Aida" in English by a company under the direction of Milton and Sargent Aborn. The cast:

Aida Estelle Wentworth
Amneris Mildred Rogers
Ramses Morgan Kingston
Amenasor John Graham
Hamsa Alfred Kaufman
The King George Shields
The Priestess Florence Connelley
The Messenger Frederick Chapman
The Music was directed by Josef Pasternack. The stage was directed by Charles H. Jones.

The Aborn brothers have made a national cause of popular opera and incidentally they have supported the cause of opera in English. They have, as a rule found a friendly public in Boston, coming here for a spring season. They have called out good audiences at every visit except one, when there seemed to have been too much regular subscription opera during the winter to permit a successful supplementary season. They should have enthusiastic houses now of all times, when the winter has been without regular opera.

The musical public of Boston will want first of all to know what effect the period of support by the Metropolitan opera company and the City Club of New York has had on Aborn's opera. The question that the town is asking of those who attended the performance of "Aida" last night is, "What has the Century Opera experience done for the Aborn stage and for the Aborn music?"

And frankly the answer must be made that Aborn opera in artistic aim is just the same thing today that it always was. No change whatever in general ideas of stage management or in musical presentation has taken place as a result of the period of millionaire support. Neither the wealth nor the civic enthusiasm of the Century Opera guarantors has had the slightest effect on the main purpose of the institution which the persistent brothers direct. Those who attend the performances now in progress at the Boston theater will see the same sort of stage and will hear the same kind of singing as in the early Aborn days.

But there is this to be said about it. While the stage management is still of the old school, it is smoother and more efficient. And while the singing is still of the sentimental and romantic variety, what might be called the "Robin Hood" school, it is admirably executed. The methods of Aborn opera, then, are precisely what they always were, but the standards according to which those methods are carried out are vastly better than they used to be. In other words, the house of Aborn remains, as under all historic and social law it should remain, unchanged. Its administration, however, has immeasurably improved.

Musically, all the purposes of the company are summarized in the work of the tenor, Morgan Kingston. The success of popular opera has always depended largely on the tenor. An artist close to the masses, idolized by the masses, the desirable man. Naturally, the success of the Aborns, when they went in for opera in English, depended on their finding an English-speaking artist of mainly voice and of romantic temperament for the leading tenor work. Mr. Kingston was one of the mainstays of the Century opera company, being discovered and nurtured to the life heroic by the kindly brothers. He is an ideal singer, the peculiar demands of his institution considered. What he would be in any other kind of company, there is no telling. And there is no need of telling.

The important thing is that he fills the bill to perfection where he is.

Mr. Kingston has a voice of large range, of a mixed tenor and baritone quality, round and full in the lower notes and clear and free in the higher. His enunciation is distinct and his knack for making English text and Italian melody fit together is peculiarly happy. He has an instinct for vocal craftsmanship which tells him how to do that last work of joining words to music which the translator has to leave undone. Where other singers would make the translation, however good, sound awkward, he makes it sound easy and fluent. As an actor, Mr. Kingston is a quietly melodramatic. In his institution expects him to be. He does his stage routine in the mechanical way prescribed, but he manages here, as in his singing, to make the formal seem natural. He did the best when he got free altogether of the geometric rillings of the stage management, as in the Nile scene. He won, and well deserved, applause for his study of Radames, the unwilling betrayer of his country, in this scene.

All the singers were competent. Messrs. Wentworth and Rogers and Mr. Graham were excellent in the soprano, contralto and baritone roles. Messrs. Kaufman and Shields were up to the mark in the exacting bass roles. Mr. Pasternack directed the music like a conductor who knew his score thoroughly. He commanded his stage with authority in the triumph scene of the second act and by tapping on his music rack at certain times of stress, he managed to hold his orchestra up to its duty. Players of the ability of the men under his baton should not allow such tapping to be done. They should attend to their parts so carefully that it would not be necessary. Conducting and orchestral playing cannot be considered in the light of interpretation where such schoolmastering has to be resorted to. There is no excuse for inferior instrumental work in these opera performances. The orchestra is the weak department of the Aborn organization, not in musical ability, but in discipline. It should rise as once to the general standard.

WOONSOCKET HIGH
SCHOOL DEDICATED

WOONSOCKET, R. I.—Woonsocket's new high school building on the Villa Nova site was formally dedicated Monday afternoon. Governor Backus, Congressman Kennedy and President Fawcett of Brown were among the guests. Dr. William F. Barry, chairman of the building committee, was the presiding officer. He gave interesting facts about the \$155,000 structure. The old high school building on Boyden street, erected 38 years ago, will be occupied by the Rachel Harris manual training school and other classes.

KANSAS ATTORNEYS TO MEET

TOPEKA, Kan.—County attorneys of Kansas will meet in Topeka, April 30, and discuss the new laws of state importance passed by the recent Legislature. Addresses will be made by Justice Silas Porter, of the state supreme court, and by S. N. Hawkes, assistant attorney general, says the Capital.

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According to an agreement just passed by the Harvard and Andover Theological Seminary, the books of both institutions pertaining to theological study will be housed in a building to be erected at Andover. The new library building to contain a reading and reference room, lecture room, an accommodation for 50 students and a library of about 500 volumes, capable of increasing

FASHIONS AND THE HOUSEHOLD



(Models from Zimmermann, Paris. Reproduced by permission)

Titles in order from left: Maroussia, Alsace, Les Allées, Sacha, Sambre et Meuse, Hansi

Spring Semi-Evening Gowns and Tailleurs of Paris Design That Are Both Attractive and Practical

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor)

PARIS, France—Charming, as usual, the models at Madame Zimmermann's, this very Parisian house. Sober in hue, as befits the moment, discreet and chic in cut and trimming, the models are eminently practical and wearable. The two semi-evening gowns shown were both black, and either could be worn at smart afternoon functions as well. The first, Maroussia, of black tulle over a foundation of soft black satin; the black tulle very full, but held in with four bands of black satin; the sash also of black satin, with a "folded-over" effect, and two straight ends at the side finished with jet cabochons; the bodice full and made of net, with a straight little "coatee" effect of satin in the back, hanging loose and square from the shoulders to below the waist, while in front the satin took more the form of braces; the sleeves of

black Chantilly, and transparent, veiled in the tulle, and the waistcoat, charming collar and cuffs of pale rose chiffon fastened with tiny buttons of the same. A dainty tie of black was threaded through the collar and tied under the chin.

The second semi-evening gown was also of black tulle, charmingly made, full, with bands of black satin graduated and quite low down, and named "Alsace." The hem of the tulle embroidered in jet, as also the ends of the wide sash draping the hips and tying behind in a big baby bow and ends, and the smart apron front hanging from waist to knees. The bodice was of black satin over a front of net, and a spray of rose-hedger on the left side front; the sleeves were charming, set on in a full little bishop style from the mid-upper arm to elbow, circled with narrow bands of satin and with a gleam of jet to catch them in close at the elbow.

A déshabillé of sheer black tulle was the only trimming of the décolleté.

A feature this season is the extreme plainness of the top of evening bodices. "Les Allées" is a smart tailored suit in black satin, the very newest thing in cut and style, with its jupe en forme, and its full basque on the hips. A smart touch of color is given in the ends of the tie over sash, hand embroidered in silks.

Quite one of the smartest gowns is "Sacha," of dark blue serge and black satin; the front and back panel of the skirt of blue serge, the sides of three shaped flounces of black satin, the panels of serge most daintily embroidered in black silk in a pattern of large checks from the knees downward. The wide sash is of black satin, buttoned at the back, the blousing bodice of the blue braided in black. The sleeves, from upper arm, set on under braiding, were of

black satin, finished with great buttons at the lower arm, and open, allowing a charming wide cuff of white chiffon to escape. The wide collar, too, was of white chiffon, with enough "apprêt" in it to make it stand up well.

"Sambre et Meuse" is a beautifully tailored suit of blue gabardine, with trimmings of wide black silk braid for the sash, the ends bound with gabardine, this sash coming to the edge of the coat

in front, and threading through plaits in the longer back. The motifs of fine soutache and the blue galatie buttons were all just right.

Our favorite "tailleur" was undoubtedly "Hansi," full of charming Parisian touches. The material, dark blue gabardine over a déshabillé of green, the same green lining the coat, which was loose and somewhat longer at the back than in front, and embroidered in exquisite

shades from the shoulders down in the back and in a point upward in the front, with fine braiding of black across the bust and neck, with huge green buttons to fasten it. The Medici collar was lined with the same soft green satin as the lining of the coat, and the sleeve set in at the upper arm under braiding. The fullness of the coat at the back was kept in two plaits by a threading through of braid and tassels.

Classes Formed in London to Learn Belgian Cooking

In a large and light kitchen at the Passmore Edwards Settlements in London on a recent morning a demonstration in Belgian cookery as taught by the trained teachers of the écoles ménagères was given by one of them, a refugee from Antwerp. Those present, as reported in the London Times, included Lady St. Cyres and Miss Sylvester Samuel, who originated the scheme for utilizing the services of Belgian teachers of cookery now in England.

The cookery of the Belgian woman of the working classes depends largely on the use of vegetables, and it is the wonderful vegetable soups and their methods of preparation which these ladies are specially anxious to make known to the women of England. While the test lectures were being prepared the ladies of the committee each day had the meal that resulted at a cost of 3½d. per head for their own luncheon. They declared it excellent, though one of them had a strong objection to onions, which figure so largely as an ingredient. Prepared in Belgian fashion, however, chopped fine and browned in dripping before being mixed with other things, the onion has a new and pleasant flavor.

Already classes have been held for several of the clubs for the soldiers' sailors' wives and at working girls' clubs in different parts of London, while arrangements are being made for similar classes in the country.

The idea is to take advantage of the Belgian skill in some particular branches of cookery while the opportunity exists. For each class arranged for working women a charge of approximately 5s. is made when a meal of three courses, thick soup, ragout, and a pudding at an average of 3½d. a head is prepared. For the well-to-do in their own houses a charge of about 10s. a class has been arranged. Already the demand for teachers has outrun the supply.

At class one the menu, arranged for 10 persons at a cost of 3½d. per head, consisted of onion soup, Flemish braised beef and potatoes, and a bread pudding. For the first two the recipes are as follows:

Onion soup (10 persons)—Six pints of water, a good-sized piece of dripping or butter, 1d.; two pounds onions, 3d.; three pounds potatoes, 2½d.; one bay

leaf—total, 6½d. Peel the onions and potatoes, wash them and cut them in pieces. Have ready six pints of boiling water in which put a pinch of pepper, a tablespoonful of salt, the potatoes and bay leaf. Take two thirds of the onions, fry them in dripping, and add them to the boiling water. The other one third to be boiled in a little water until tender. When all is well cooked pass it through a sieve, then add the rest of the onions and let it boil two minutes. Serve very hot.

Flemish braised beef (10 persons)—Two and one half pounds of beef without

bone, 1s. 4d.; two large onions, 1d.; large piece of dripping or butter, 1d.; pinch of salt and pepper, bay leaf, and a little vinegar, 1d.—total 1s. 7d. Peel the onions and cut them in pieces into a large casserole, and fry with the dripping. When they are nice and brown, add the meat cut into pieces, and then stir three or four times. Cover with water and then add a good pinch of salt and pepper and the bay leaf. Simmer gently. Just before serving add the vinegar. Thicken with flour made into a thin paste with cold water. Serve with boiled potatoes (six pounds, 4½d.).

LACE, NET, TULLE AND JET BLOUSES

That the lace blouse is returning is welcome news to women. It would be difficult to find another style which has been so generally accepted and held in such high esteem. The separate blouse has been a favored style, the only objection brought against it being that it is not dressy in appearance; but this is overcome to some extent in the new one made of lace. With the new blouse there is a tunic or a coatee that makes the waist seem more a part of the dress than the lace waist usually has been.

One of the great advantages of the average net or lace waist is the possibility for laundering well. It is not every blouse or tunic fabric that will wash well, but many of the laces can be washed as satisfactorily as a piece of cotton cloth.

For evening wear the black lace or tulle blouse, with tunic of the same material, is in great favor. There has been some difficulty in keeping tulle held down well for skirts and tunics because of the lightness of the texture, but jet overcomes this. The jet for weighting the tunics with jet not only holds the dainty material down but gives a charming finish. There is a practical use for a black tulle blouse-tunic in one's wardrobe. It is very pretty and

conforms strictly with the mode when it is worn in the evening over a black, white or colored slip which makes several desirable changes. One pretty model of this material is made with a wide tunic edged at the bottom and top, where it extends on to the waist, with heavy jet trimming and the same trimming on the top and bottom of the girdle, the ends of the sleeves and a rope of jets over each shoulder.

Favorite Flowers

In an article in *Farm and Fireside*, on "How to Turn Flowers Into Gold," Eben E. Rexford says: The sweet pea is a favorite, and the nasturtium is a flower that many will be glad to purchase for the decoration of the table. Both are profitable because of the ease with which they can be grown and the profusion of their lovely bloom.

For small bouquets and buttonhole use ageratum will be found a favorite, as will the pansy and mignonette. For late summer and early fall nothing takes precedence of the aster, which rivals the chrysanthemum in beauty, and lasts for a fortnight after cutting if the water in which it is placed is changed daily.

Pleasing Ways of Cooking the Banana

To bake bananas, select good-sized, ripe ones, peel and split them in halves and place in a shallow baking-platter. Sprinkle with sugar, lemon juice and butter. Add two tablespoons of water and bake until fruit is brown over top, basting often. Serve in the baking dish. Other ways are to broil them and to bake them in their skins.

One of the well-liked banana dishes is cake put together with this fruit filling. Bananas turn brown after they are exposed to the air a few moments; therefore, the cake should be made and filled just as it is needed to be served.

Banana batter cake is made with dough such as one uses for shortcake. The slices of banana are arranged over the dough and sprinkled with sugar, spice and butter. When baked, serve with cream and sugar.—Buffalo Times.

Cooking Recipes

MARSHMALLOW PUDDING

One half pound marshmallows, one cup heavy cream, one fourth cup of candied cherries, one half cup English walnut meats, two tablespoons of powdered sugar. Soak cherries for one hour in one teaspoon of almond and the same amount of vanilla extract, stirring occasionally, then cut in pieces. Put walnut meats and marshmallows in small pieces. Whip cream, add sugar and flavoring, fold in the remaining ingredients. Mold and chill.

PARSNIP FRITTERS

Wash, scrape and quarter parsnips. Cook in boiling water until soft. Mash and season with salt and pepper. Shape into flat cakes and fry in butter or drippings.

TURKISH RICE

Wash and drain one half cup of rice. Cook in one tablespoonful of butter until brown, then add one half cup of boiling water and steam until soft. Add one and three fourths cup of tomatoes and cook together. Season with pepper and salt.

Art of Receiving

Many people know how to give who do not know how to receive, says the Eastern Argus, Portland, Me. It is as great an art to do the one as to do the other, if we did but recognize the fact. The part of a giver is an easy one to assume; the advantage is really all on one side. But to take a thing prettily—ah, that requires doing. It needs the true good breeding of the heart. Any one can say a formal "thank you," but to make the giver glow with the feeling that she has found exactly the right present, that is indeed an art worth acquiring. And it should not be difficult to acquire if one has a natural sense of politeness and a wish to give pleasure. Even if the gift is a poor thing, or one which embarrasses its recipient, one should never let the fact appear. The thought that prompted the deed should be the reason of our gratitude, and if that is kept in view, it will not be hard to say the right thing.

Foil to Mahogany

In reply to an inquiry, the Gentlewoman (London) says: A bright green, plain carpet is an excellent foil to the color of mahogany, and if you have the walls paneled out in cream and gold the scheme will be quite satisfactory, though not particularly novel. As to the curtains, I would favor old rose, a tint which must be carefully selected with a view to a nice connecting tint between the green of the carpet and the color of the mahogany. These curtains should be of silk brocade with a cream banding.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Daily Puzzle

Answer to preceding puzzle—Forehead.



What kind of a coat?

Varying Seasons

To people who live north of the equator it seems strange that people in the southern hemisphere have their fruit blossoms in September and their ripe fruits in October and November, that December and January are the summer months, and June and July the winter. So when people from the south of the equator come north they think

that to have cold weather at Christmas is very strange.

There is a tree in the north that has its autumn in spring time. This is the great pine. The pines hold their leaves or needles faithfully all winter long. Then when the spring comes part of the leaves begin to fall, and new leaves begin at the same time. Thus they are "ever green," as they are called. Most of the trees in Australia are ever green, and exchange old leaves for new at the same time, so that the woods are always green. Of course there are some trees that have come from the north that drop all their leaves at once.

Laughing Song

When the green woods laugh with the voice of joy,
And the dimpling stream runs laughing by,
When the air doth laugh with our merry wit,
And the green hill laughs with the noise of it;

When the meadows laugh with lively green,
And the grasshopper laughs in the merry scene;
When Mary and Susan and Emily
With their sweet round mouths sing "Ha ha he!"

When the painted birds laugh in the shade,
Where our table with cherries and nuts is spread;
Come live and be merry, and join with us,
To sing the sweet chorus of "Ha ha he!"

—William Blake

To Shrink Gingham

To shrink gingham lay the cloth in a large tub of lukewarm rainwater, to which a handful of salt has been added, taking care to place the cloth in the original folds. Let it soak until the folds are thoroughly wet through, then remove from the tub and, without wringing, pin to a line in the open air. It will dry perfectly smooth, and the color will not run.—Continental Times.

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ANSWER OF U. S.
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EMBARGO ORDER

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has given careful consideration to the subjects treated in the British notes of March 13 and March 15, and to the British order-in-council of the latter date.

"These communicate matters of grave importance to neutral nations. They appear to menace their rights of trade and intercourse not only with belligerents but also with one another. They call for frank comment in order that misunderstandings may be avoided. The government of the United States deems it its duty, therefore, speaking in the sincerest spirit of friendship, to make its own view and position with regard to them unmistakably clear.

"The order-in-council of the 15th of March would constitute, were its provisions to be actually carried into effect as they stand, a practical assertion of unlimited belligerent rights over neutral commerce within the whole European area, and an almost unqualified denial of the sovereign rights of the nations now at peace.

"The government takes it for granted that there can be no question what those rights are. A nation's sovereignty over its own ships and citizens under its own flag on the high seas in time of peace is, of course, unlimited, and that sovereignty suffers no diminution in time of war, except in so far as the practice and consent of civilized nations has limited it by the recognition of certain now clearly determined rights, which it is conceded may be exercised by nations which are at war.

"A belligerent nation has been conceded the right of visit and search, and the right of capture and condemnation. If upon examination a neutral vessel is found to be engaged in unneutral service or to be carrying contraband of war intended for the enemy's government or armed forces.

What Blockades Are Conceded

"It has been conceded the right to establish and maintain a blockade of an enemy's ports and coasts and to capture and condemn any vessel taken in trying to break the blockade. It is even conceded the right to detain and take to its own ports for judicial examination all vessels which it suspects for substantial reasons to be engaged in unneutral or contraband service and to condemn them if the suspicion is sustained.

"But such rights, long clearly defined both in doctrine and practice, have hitherto been held to be the only permissible exceptions to the principle of universal equality of sovereignty on the high seas as between belligerents and nations not engaged in war.

"It is confidently assumed that his Majesty's government will not deny that it is a rule sanctioned by general practice that, even though a blockade should exist and the doctrine of contraband as to unblockaded territory be rigidly enforced, innocent shipments may freely be transported to and from the United States through neutral countries to belligerent territory without being subject to the penalties of contraband traffic or breach of blockade, much less to detention, requisition or confiscation.

"Moreover, the rules of the declaration of Paris of 1856—among them that free ships make free goods—will hardly at this day be disputed by the signatories of that solemn agreement.

"His Majesty's government, like the government of the United States, have often and explicitly held that these rights represent the best usage of warfare in the dealings of belligerents with neutrals at sea.

Award in Precedent

"In this connection I desire to direct attention to the opinion of the chief justice of the United States in the case of the *Peterhof*, which arose out of the Civil war, and to the fact that the opinion was unanimously sustained in the award of the arbitration commission of 1871, to which the case was presented at the request of Great Britain.

"From that time to the declaration of London of 1909, adopted with modifications by the order in council of the 23rd of October last, these rights have not been seriously questioned by the British government.

"And no claim on the part of Great Britain or any justification for interfering with the clear rights of the United States and its citizens as neutrals could be admitted.

"To admit it would be to assume an attitude of unneutrality toward the present enemies of Great Britain which would be obviously inconsistent with the solemn obligations of this government in the present circumstances; and for Great Britain to make such a claim would be for her to abandon and set at naught the principles for which she has consistently and earnestly contended in other times and circumstances.

"The note of his Majesty's principal secretary of state for foreign affairs, which accompanies the order-in-council, and which bears the same date, notifies the government of the United States of the establishment of a blockade, which is, it is defined by the terms of the order-in-council, to include all the coasts and ports of Germany and every port of possible access to enemy territory.

Closing of Neutral Ports

"But the novel and quite unprecedented feature of that blockade, if we are to assume it to be properly so defined, is that it embraces many neutral ports and coasts, bars access to them, and subjects all neutral ships seeking to approach them to the same suspicion that would attach to them were they bound for the ports of the enemies of Great Britain, and to unusual risks and penalties.

"It is manifest that such limitations, risks and liabilities placed upon the ships of a neutral power on the high seas, beyond the right of visit and search and the right to prevent the

shipment of contraband already referred to, are a distinct invasion of the sovereign rights of the nation whose ships, trade or commerce is interfered with.

"The government of the United States is, of course, not oblivious to the great changes which have occurred in the conditions and means of naval warfare since the rules hitherto governing legal blockade were formulated.

Changes in Practice

"It might be ready to admit that the old form of 'close' blockade, with its cordon of ships in the immediate offing of the blockaded ports, is no longer practicable, in face of an enemy possessing the means and opportunity to make an effective defense by the use of submarines, mines and air craft; but it can hardly be maintained that, whatever form of effective blockade may be made use of, it is impossible to conform at least to the spirit and principles of the established rules of war.

"If the necessities of the case should seem to render it imperative that the cordon of blockading vessels be extended across the approaches to any neighboring neutral port or country, it would seem clear that it would still be easily practicable to comply with the well-recognized and reasonable prohibition of international law against the blockading of neutral ports by according free admission and exit to all lawful traffic with neutral ports through the blockading cordon.

"This traffic would, of course, include all outward-bound traffic from the neutral country, and all inward-bound traffic to the neutral country, except contraband in transit to the enemy.

"Such procedure need not conflict in any respect with the rights of the belligerents maintaining the blockade, since the right would remain with the blockading vessels to visit and search all ships either entering or leaving the neutral territory which they were in fact, but not of right, investing.

Course Without Precedent

"The government of the United States notes that in the order-in-council his Majesty's government give as their reason for entering upon a course of action which they are aware is without precedent in modern warfare; the necessity they conceive themselves to have been placed under to retaliate upon their enemies for measures of a similar nature, which the latter have announced their intention to adopt and which they have to some extent adopted; but the government of the United States, recalling the principles upon which his Majesty's government have hitherto been scrupulous to act, interprets this as merely a reason for certain extraordinary activities on the part of his Majesty's naval forces and not as an excuse for or prelude to any unlawful action.

"If the course pursued by the present enemies of Great Britain should prove to be in fact tainted by illegality and disregard of the principles of war sanctioned by enlightened nations, it cannot be supposed, and this government does not for a moment suppose, that his Majesty's government would wish the same taint to attach to their own actions or would cite such illegal acts as in any sense or degree a justification for similar practices on their part in so far as they affect neutral rights.

"It is thus that the government of the United States interprets the language of the note of his Majesty's principal secretary of state for foreign affairs which accompanies the copy of the order-in-council which was handed to the ambassador of the United States near the government in London and by him transmitted to Washington.

Latitude Pleasing

"This government notes with gratification that 'wide discretion is afforded to the prize court in dealing with the trade of neutrals in such manner as may in the circumstances be deemed just, and that full provision is made to facilitate claims by persons interested in any goods placed in the custody of the marshal of the prize court under the order; that the effect of the order-in-council is to confer powers upon the executive officers of his Majesty's government; and that the extent to which these powers will be actually exercised and the degree of severity with which the measures of blockade authorized will be put into operation are matters which will depend on the administrative orders issued by the government and the decisions of the authorities especially charged with the duty of dealing with individual ships and cargoes according to the merits of each case.

"This government further notes with equal satisfaction the declaration of the British government that 'the instructions to be issued by his Majesty's government to the fleet and to the customs officials, and executive committees concerned will impress upon them the duty of acting with the utmost despatch consistent with the object in view, and of showing in every case such consideration for neutrals as may be compatible with that object, which is, succinctly stated, to establish a blockade to prevent vessels from carrying goods for or coming from Germany.'

Modification Is Asked

"In view of these assurances formally given to this government, it is confidently expected that the extensive powers conferred by the order-in-council on the executive officers of the crown will be restricted by orders issued by the government, directing the exercise of their discretionary powers in such a manner as to modify in practical application those provisions of the order-in-council which, if strictly enforced, would violate neutral rights and interrupt legitimate trade.

"Relying on the faithful performance of these voluntary assurances by his Majesty's government, the United States takes it for granted that the approach of American merchantmen to neutral ports situated upon the long line of coast affected by the order-in-council will not be interfered with when it is known that they do not carry goods which are contraband of war or goods destined to or proceeding from ports

within the belligerent territory affected.

"The government of the United States assumes with the greatest confidence that his Majesty's government will thus adjust their practice to the recognized rules of international law, because it is manifest that the British government has adopted an extraordinary method of 'stopping' cargoes destined for or coming from the enemy's territory, which, owing to the existence of unusual conditions in modern warfare at sea, it will be difficult to restrict to the limits which have been heretofore required by the law of nations.

"Though the area of operations is confined to European waters including the Mediterranean, so great an area of the high seas is covered and the cordon of ships is so distant from the territory affected that neutral vessels must necessarily pass through the blockading force in order to reach important neutral ports which Great Britain as a belligerent has not the legal right to blockade and which, therefore, it is presumed she has no intention of claiming to blockade.

"The Scandinavian and Danish ports, for example, are open to American trade. They are also free, so far as the actual enforcement of the order-in-council is concerned, to carry on trade with German Baltic ports, although it is an essential element of blockade that it bear with equal severity upon all neutrals.

"This government, therefore, infers that the commanders of his Majesty's ships of war engaged in maintaining the so-called blockade will be instructed to avoid an enforcement of the proposed measures of nonintercourse in such a way as to impose restrictions upon neutral trade more burdensome than those which have been regarded as inevitable when the ports of a belligerent are actually blockaded by the ships of its enemy.

Trade Rights Asserted

"The possibilities of serious interruption of American trade under the order-in-council are so many, and the methods proposed are so unusual and seem liable to constitute so great an impediment and embarrassment to neutral commerce, that the government of the United States, if the order-in-council is strictly enforced, apprehends many interferences with its legitimate trade which will impose upon his Majesty's government heavy responsibilities for acts of the British authorities clearly subversive of the rights of neutral nations on the high seas.

"It is, therefore, expected that his Majesty's government, having considered these possibilities, will take the steps necessary to avoid them, and, in the event that they should unhappily occur, will be prepared to make full reparation for every act which under the rules of international law constitutes a violation of neutral rights.

Amicable Insistence

"As stated in its communication of Oct. 22, 1914, this government will insist that the rights and duties of the United States and its citizens in the present war be defined by the existing rules of international law and the treaties of the United States, irrespective of the provisions of the declaration of London, and that this government reserves to itself the right to enter a protest or demand in each case in which those rights and duties so defined are violated or their free exercise interfered with by the authorities of the British government.

"In conclusion, you will reiterate to his Majesty's government that this statement of the views of the government of the United States is made in the most friendly spirit, and in accordance with the uniform candor which has characterized the relations of the two governments in the past, and which has been in large measure the foundation of the peace and amity existing between the two nations without interruption for a century.

DAMAGES ON SHIP.
FRYE ASKED IN
NOTE TO GERMANY

WASHINGTON—On behalf of the owners of the American ship *William P. Frye*, sunk by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, the United States government, in a brief note made public Monday, has asked Germany to pay an indemnity of \$228,059.54. This is the text of instructions to Ambassador Gerard:

"You are instructed to present the following note to the German foreign office:

"Under instructions from my government, I have the honor to present a claim for \$228,059.54 with interest from Jan. 28, 1915, against the German government on behalf of the owners and captain of the American sailing vessel, *William P. Frye*, for damages suffered by them on account of the destruction of that vessel on the high seas by the German armed cruiser, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, on Jan. 28, 1915.

"The facts upon which this claim arises and by reason of which the German government is held responsible by the government of the United States for the attendant loss and damages are briefly as follows:

"The *William P. Frye*, a steel sailing vessel of 3774 tons gross tonnage, owned by the American citizens and sailing under the United States flag and register from Seattle, Wash., Nov. 4, 1914, under charter to M. E. Houser, of Portland, Ore., bound for Queenstown, Falmouth, or Plymouth, with a cargo consisting solely of 186,050 bushels of wheat owned by the aforesaid Houser and consigned 'unto order or to its assigns,' all of which appears from the ship's papers, which were taken from the vessel at the time of her destruction by the commander of the German cruiser.

"On Jan. 27, 1915, the Prinz Eitel Friedrich encountered the *Frye* on the high seas, compelled her to stop, and sent on board an armed boarding party, who took possession. After the boarding party

the cruiser directed that the cargo be thrown overboard, but subsequently decided to destroy the vessel, and on the following morning, by his order, the *Frye* was sunk.

"The claim of the owners and captain consists of the following items:

"Value of ship, equipment and outfit—\$150,000.

"Actual freight as per freight list—5034, 100—2240 tons at 32—6—\$180—19—6 at \$4.86, \$20,759.54.

"Traveling and other expenses of Captain Kiehne and Arthur Sewall and Company.

"Total—\$228,059.54.

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PULLMAN WAGE INQUIRY BEGUN BY U. S. BOARD

Porters Receive \$27.50 a Month First 15 Years, Then 5 Per Cent Increase. Industrial Relations Investigators Are Told

CHICAGO—The first government inquiry into wages and conditions of employment of sleeping car porters and conductors was made here Monday by the United States commission on industrial relations. L. S. Hungerford, general manager of the Pullman Company, was on the stand most of the day and was questioned by Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the commission.

In the first 15 years of a sleeping car porter's service, Mr. Hungerford said, he receives \$27.50 a month in wages. At the end of 15 years he, like other service employees, automatically receives an advance of 5 per cent, which makes his pay \$28.87 a month.

In the first 10 years of service he buys \$35.50 worth of uniforms a year, but thereafter the company takes on this burden.

A bonus system gives men with good records an extra month's pay each year. In 1913, 75 per cent of the conductors and 66 per cent of the porters received the bonus; in 1914, 85 per cent of the conductors and 74 per cent of the porters.

They are eligible to a relief fund after five years and to the pension list after 20 years, but these provisions are flexible and often applied in exceptional cases.

Mr. Walsh brought up the subject of tips.

"Do you expect the public to pay the difference between these wages and a living wage?" he asked the witness.

"No, I don't think that was considered."

The witness was asked as to the history of the tipping system, and replied that it did not originate with the Pullman company.

"It seems always to have been a general condition," he said.

Mr. Walsh read from a book of rules by P. C. Johnson, district superintendent of the Pullman company at Omaha. In this it appeared that porters were required to shine shoes and the witness said they brought their own polish.

The rate of pay to conductors, as given by the witness, follows: First six months, \$10; second six months, \$75; second year, \$85; fifth year, \$90; tenth year, \$95; on special limited trains, \$100.

GUARANTY OF U. S. NATIONAL BANK DEPOSITS SOUGHT

Treasury Department Plan to Insure Funds May Be Installed Without New Legislation

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Gregory has approved a plan for guarantee of national bank deposits which does not require new legislation and does not tend to make banks run on sound lines pay losses incurred through different banking management in other institutions.

The plan was devised by the controller of the currency, John Skelton Williams, and was laid before the attorney-general by Secretary McAdoo. In substance it provides that national banks which desire to do so may have their deposits guaranteed by a guaranty company.

The attorney-general's opinion was asked on the question whether a national bank could pay a premium to a guaranty company for that purpose, and he has decided that under the section of the bank law which authorizes banks to take precautions to protect their depositors such payments may be made.

Controller Williams was understood to have discussed the plan with members of the federal reserve board and a circular to banks notifying them of the attorney-general's decision is expected soon.

DEDHAM VOTES FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

DEDHAM, Mass.—An appropriation of \$130,000 for a new high school building was voted at the adjourned town meeting last night. It will be erected on the old McCarthy site on East Auburn and Mt. Vernon streets. The land was bought by the town last year for \$17,000. In all \$397,876 was voted, as follows: General government, \$12,110; protection of persons and property, \$34,605; health and sanitation, \$71,000; highways, bridges and lighting, \$35,300; charity, \$14,004; education, \$87,500; libraries, \$4,600; recreation, \$17,500; unclassified, \$2,300; public service, \$6,455; interest on town debt, \$37,710.

NEW SHIP LINES IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Ont.—An amendment has been made to the regulations under the Canada shipping act, affecting the qualifications of masters and mates of inland and coastal vessels, says the Toronto Globe. A master is required to be of age and to have been three years at sea, one year as mate, and must be qualified in seamanship. A mate must be 19 years of age, must have been two years at sea, or must have served one year as mate.

NEWTON PASSES LARGEST BUDGET

NEWTON, Mass.—Although \$49,918.98 less than the mayor's recommendation, the annual budget of \$1,008,700.86, passed by the aldermen last night, is the largest in the city's history, that of last year having been \$1,538,130.62.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENTS IN BOSTON WITH ITS AUXILIARIES

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be held in Washington, D. C., this year. He proposed that a ribbon be used for some other means to make the department stand out bold and clear, "so that he who runs may read." Without such device, said the commander, it is not easy to distinguish one department from another, particularly if the wind blows the headquarters flag so as to obscure the letters.

Commander Speaks

He encouraged the efforts of "the men and papers that shape public opinion" in blotting out the words "civil" and "rebellion" as relating to the war of 1861-65 and to call it officially the "war between the states."

Commander Woods spoke for securing legislation in this state to permit other than comrades to serve as trustees of the soldiers' home in Chelsea. He proposed that the trustees be elected at the annual encampment of the G. A. R.

Chaplain Adams in his report urged a more general cooperation in Memorial day exercises by the public schools.

The report of Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee showed that among the 202 posts in the state there is a total membership of 10,826. He reported that the funds on hand Feb. 28, 1915, totaled \$117,759.21.

Sons of Veterans

The encampment of the Sons of Veterans begins at 2 p. m. today with Commander Frank J. Donahue presiding. Nominations for new officers will be made today. The election comes tomorrow following reports from the officers and committees.

Guy Richardson has been endorsed for the division command by Gen. Nelson A. Miles camp 46 of Roxbury. Frank H. White has been endorsed for this position by camp 9 of Boston. C. C. McNaught of Duxbury is announced as candidate for the position of junior vice-commander to succeed Lucius A. Derby of Lowell. The senior vice-commander is the Rev. Allen A. Bronson of Millers Falls.

W. L. Anderson of camp 9, Boston, has been endorsed for the division council of the Sons of Veterans. Several candidates will be named to be delegates to the national encampment at Washington, including the following: L. W. Floyd, camp 149; E. W. Homan, camp 34; C. F. Cook, camp 11; W. A. French, camp 95; E. E. Leavitt, camp 74; A. A. Gove, camp 15; the Rev. A. A. Bronson, camp 10; G. W. Cunningham, camp 70; W. E. Choate, camp 6, and F. V. Bell, camp 47.

It is expected that 600 delegates representing 152 local camps in the state will be present at the encampment. The camp showing the largest net gain in membership during the present quarter will be presented with a large silk American flag by Division Commander Donahue. Action on the proposed new button for the organization will be taken at the sessions.

Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., is to be a guest of the encampment. After the nominations are made this afternoon delegates from the G. A. R., W. R. C., Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and other veteran organizations will be received by the encampment.

Woman's Relief Corps

Guests of the Woman's Relief Corps today are expected to include National President Mrs. Sarah E. Fulton of Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Eliza B. Daggett of Attleboro, national secretary. The annual address of Mrs. Laura I. Smith, state president, was given this forenoon, followed by reports. The officers will be elected this afternoon.

Miss Susie E. Burton of Bridgewater, the present senior vice-president, is expected to be elevated to president. The junior vice-president, Mrs. Annie P. Atwood of Whitman, is slated for the senior vice-presidency.

Among the candidates for the junior vice-presidency are Mrs. Flora S. Chapin, Mrs. S. Anna Stockwith, Mrs. Anna Bell and Mrs. Mary Landi.

Other guests of the W. R. C. today were Mrs. Kate Williams, president of corps 45, Attleboro; Mrs. Elizabeth Gladding, president of the department of Rhode Island, and the three following past presidents of the department of Rhode Island: Mrs. Eliza Pollard, Mrs. Hattie Ford and Mrs. Clara Blake.

S. of V. Auxiliary

Nearly 600 were present at the meeting of the Sons of Veterans auxiliary in Pilgrim hall. Miss Louise M. Young, president of the Massachusetts division, presided. The session opened with the salute of the national colors followed by reports of the officers.

This afternoon delegates from other veteran organizations convening in the city will be guests of the auxiliary. Tonight the present officers will be host at a reception at the Hotel Bellevue. Tomorrow comes the annual election and presentation of gifts to the retiring officers.

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PHONE INQUIRY PLANS BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Governor Walsh's Inaugural Recommendation on Subject Is Chief Topic for Hearing by Mercantile Affairs Committee

Governor Walsh's inaugural recommendation that there be a "thorough public inquiry" as to telephone and telegraph rates and service in Massachusetts is the principal subject for consideration at today's hearing by the legislative committee on mercantile affairs at the State House.

There is special interest in the subject because recently a resolve for an investigation was defeated on a technicality after it had passed the House. Supporters of this resolve hope now to get favorable action on the Governor's recommendation.

Whether "public necessity and convenience" demands a transfer of the regulation of telephone and telegraph companies from the public service commission to the gas and electric light commission is another question to be discussed at the hearing. Governor Walsh's inaugural recommendation that this be done is the specific topic for consideration.

In his message to the Legislature at the opening of the session, the Governor declared that better service could be rendered if the regulation was placed in the hands of the gas and electric light board. It was pointed out that this board now has jurisdiction over much of the wiring in the state and that its work is largely with subjects of price, and quality of service. Furthermore, the Governor questions whether the extra work entailed by the telephone and telegraph supervision does not hamper the public service commission in its regulation of transportation companies.

In the Senate late yesterday the bill for removal of the elevated structure in Charlestown was passed to be engrossed and sent to the House. The provisions of the measure are not to take effect unless accepted by the Elevated railway company. A subway is to be constructed by the city of Boston in case the elevated structure is removed and the Elevated is to be properly reimbursed by the city for any damages sustained by the removal of the structure in excess of all benefits derived therefrom.

After a brief debate in which Senator Ellis scored the practice of rejecting bills without a word of debate, the Senate reconsidered its rejection of the bill requiring hospital rooms in all places where 25 or more persons are employed on order of the board of labor and industries. The bill was then placed on the calendar for today's session.

New Station Bill Advances

The bill for a station at Arlington street in the Boylston street subway, which has passed the House, was ordered to a third reading by the Senate yesterday. The standing vote was 16 to 5.

A bill to allow the Boston & Albany railroad to make a refund to the Wellesley Gravel Company for freight charges, provided the public service commission approves, was substituted for an adverse report.

The bill to regulate the use of motion pictures was postponed to Thursday.

The resolve to amend the constitution to authorize the General Court to take land to relieve congestion of population was agreed to by a vote of 28 to 7.

Without debate or division the Senate rejected the bill to change the law as to assignment of wages to require that every assignment regardless of the amount of the loan, to be valid, must be accepted by the employer and both acceptance and assignment to be recorded by the city or town clerk.

The bill to create a purchasing agency for the city of Waltham was passed to be engrossed without debate.

The bill to allow the employment of prisoners on the state highways was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 16 to 5.

Parkway Extension Favored

Although the committee on ways and means recommended in the House rejection of the bill providing for an extension of the Alewife Brook parkway, rejection was negated, 47 to 44. Messrs. Smith and Knox of Somerville, Seagrave of Cambridge and Bitzer of Arlington all said that such legislation would supply a much needed link in the automobile parkway. Messrs. Hull of Great Barrington and Knowles of New Bedford favored rejection.

The House, after some debate, negated the rejection recommended by the committee on ways and means of the bill providing that teamsters and laborers shall be included within the provisions of the law requiring that the prevailing rate of wages shall be paid upon all public works.

Despite opposition from the Democratic members of the House from Boston a bill requiring guests registering at hotels to give their right name and address and for a record to be kept by all hotels of the number of times a room is let was passed to a third reading by a rising vote of 87 to 34.

A bill providing for the appointment of a chief inspector of masonry was defeated by a vote of 186 to 80 on a roll call.

Motions to reconsider adverse action last week on bills for the improvement of Annisquam river in Gloucester and for the location of a new normal school in Bristol county were defeated on voice votes.

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MAYOR REVIEWS FINANCE BOARD BUDGET REPORT

Boston Chief Executive Says Reductions Must Have Been Made Without Careful Study the Law Contemplated

In a special message to the city council Mayor Curley yesterday afternoon took exception to the estimates of the finance commission that \$441,923.89 could be taken from the city budget in addition to the \$1,273,583 which the mayor had deducted when the department heads had given him their estimates for the year. When council adjourned it was upon motion that a special meeting of the council, sitting as the committee on appropriations, be held tomorrow afternoon to consider the mayor's message relating to the budget.

Of the recommendations of the finance commission, Mayor Curley said: "I feel obliged to state that many of the commission's recommendations for reductions must have been made without that careful study which the law creating the commission contemplated and which the importance of its work demands. The powers of the commission are supervisory only and it cannot expect to have its recommendations adopted except through the force of public opinion."

The recommendations of the finance commission for reductions dealt with 10 city and three county departments. Estimates of the 13 departments amounted to \$7,748,759, which the mayor himself cut to \$7,476,075. The commission's recommendations that only \$7,034,157.82 be allowed, of this amount \$500,722.58 would be cut from the amount the mayor allowed for the public works department after he had cut the estimate \$859,795.

As to the building department, the mayor said: "The commission recommends that \$13,905 should be cut from the estimate although their first statement showed a cut of only \$12,258.46. The items of reduction are: Office expenses, \$504.90; payrolls, \$444.85; pensions, \$900. I had already cut \$2000 from the appropriation for this department, intending that it should apply to the item of office expenses."

Of the budget for the public buildings department, the mayor said: "The estimate for this department was \$306,545, from which I cut \$35,000, and from which the finance commission would cut about \$25,000 more. In the proposed reduction of \$70,000 the commission includes \$6800 for telephone service, \$17,150 for furniture and \$30,000 for repairs and alterations. On its face this would seem like a proposed saving of \$53,450."

"As a matter of fact the commission wants these items provided for by special appropriation, which would only change the form of the appropriation without saving any money."

In his statement, the mayor considers a cut of \$294,782 proposed by the finance commission in the budget of the health department, this including a cut of \$171,000 the mayor had made previously.

Of the salary question, Mayor Curley wrote the council: "The commission proposes a cut of \$26,627 in the payrolls, which is intended apparently to prevent the restoration of the amounts which were cut off by last year's 5 per cent reduction and also to prevent any of the increases recommended by the health department. I have already expressed my opinion that the 5 per cent cuts of last year should not be operative in the present year."

WORK EXPECTED ON ALASKA ROADS COMING SUMMER

WASHINGTON—Definite announcement of plans for construction at the Alaskan railroad are expected to be made by President Wilson within the next few days. The subject probably will be taken up at today's cabinet meeting.

The plans of the President and Secretary Lane contemplate beginning actual building operations in June.

It was understood Monday that everything is ready for work to start as soon as the President announces the route and whether the Alaskan-Northern or the Copper River & Northwestern will be bought by the government as a link in the line.

PLANS FOR SERBIAN RELIEF ARE MADE

WASHINGTON—The Serbian agricultural relief committee of America announced here today that Walter C. Todd will take charge of Serbian relief work in the colleges and universities of the United States.

An extended campaign to raise funds to be used toward the rehabilitation of the hundreds of thousands of Serbian women and children on their farmsteads will be started under Mr. Camp's direction. The plan includes a Serbian collection at all baseball games and other athletic events at the large seats of learning. Bazaars, fetes and benefit performances of various kinds are part of Mr. Camp's scheme.

KOREA WORK DESCRIBED

Boston, Central Woman's Christian Temperance Union held its regular meeting in Myers hall, Tremont Temple, yesterday. Mrs. Helen H. Foster, president, in the chair. Miss L. H. McCully, a missionary from Korea, gave an account of the work there. Miss M. M. Bright of the Boston Missionary Training school also spoke.

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To California Expositions—San Francisco, Havana

DR. DYER PRAISES RESEARCH WORK IN THE SCHOOLS

Superintendent in Report Says Original Study of Teachers Would Furnish a Valuable Contribution to Pedagogy

"One of the features of the work of the year has been the encouragement that has been given to individual schools and school principals to engage in investigations and experiments and to place special emphasis on such activities as they feel their school community most needs," says the superintendent of schools, Dr. Franklin B. Dyer, summing up his annual report submitted to the school committee and approved by it last evening.

"Our schools are remarkable," he says, "for the number of teachers who are making real contributions to the cause of education, and if it were possible to collect and report their original studies and methods of procedure it would make a valuable addition to modern pedagogy."

The report is significant in showing that things proposed in the last report are now in operation.

Revision of Study Courses

"During the past year the attention of elementary teachers," says Superintendent Dyer, "has been concentrated on the course of study and especially on the fundamental branches. Hundreds of teachers are engaged in committee work in critical examination of the present course. The purposes of revision are: (1) to select the topics that deserve major emphasis and give them adequate treatment; (2) to subordinate the topics of less importance in such a way that they will receive much less attention; (3) to omit obsolete or nonessential matters; (4) to indicate those facts or exercises which should receive repeated attention until they are under the control and at the command of the pupil; and (5) to give as many illustrations as possible of the application of the topic or practice to the life of today and the experience of the pupil."

"While teaching children to think and to use their higher mental powers is of first importance in the educational process and should receive the greater portion of the school time, there are also matters of technique which are necessary in order that the children who leave school should be able to spell correctly, to figure accurately, to write legibly, to read fluently and to talk intelligently and pleasantly. Herein lies one of the great difficulties in education."

"In revising the course of study, it is proposed to make a tentative selection of a few essential facts or exercises in each grade and subject, which shall be as thoroughly mastered as can reasonably be expected of children. It is proposed also to indicate a time limit for such drills so that teachers will have a definite idea of how much time should be given to drill and how much to thought work."

"As individual pupils master their drills they should be excused from them and give their attention to other things. There is much time wasted by keeping pupils going over processes which they have mastered. There is no more frequent cause of arrested development. The drills should be increasingly individual and applied to individual needs, except so far as to keep all up to the standard of the grade as it is given tentatively in the course of study."

Special Art Instruction

"An arrangement has been effected with the art school at the Museum of Fine Arts for that school to provide art instruction for a small and carefully selected group of students entering high school. The course was put in operation last September for 20 students who were selected by the art department of the public schools from students entering high school. These students devote their mornings to their high school curriculum and their afternoons to art instruction at the art school. They receive four credits a year upon their high school diploma for graduation, giving them an opportunity to get 16 of their 80 required points for graduation in art under the most competent instruction that the city affords."

"At the present time a careful study is being made by the art teachers of the public schools of the abilities of students in the eighth grade in order to select those who have evident and highly promising artistic talent. These students will be informed of the opportunity offered at the art school and if they choose to take it the art school will endeavor to accommodate them."

"The advisory committee on music has made a careful study of the needs of our schools, and has proposed revisions of the course and methods. Their recommendations would involve a simplification of the work in music, in harmony with the general plan of simplifying the elementary curriculum. They propose that the study of musical notation be eliminated from the first two or three grades and rote singing only be used, and that from the fourth to the eighth grades the technical drills and sight singing be simplified and reduced and more time be given for singing the songs which are appropriate for children and which are really worth while for them to sing."

"In the last annual report it was recommended that high school pupils should have an opportunity to devote themselves seriously to music as a distinct study to be accredited as any other subject."

"In harmony with this the department of music submitted to the advisory committee on music a plan of school credit for outside music."

"The advisory committee has signified

its approval of these proposals in most particulars. As the proposed plan for accrediting outside work in music entails little or no expense it is to be hoped that the plan may be put into execution next September."

Industrial Education

"The provisions for industrial education in the public schools of this city include (1) the Mechanic Arts high school; (2) the cooperative course in the Hyde Park high school for boys; (3) the trade school for girls; (4) the Boston industrial school for boys; (5) the evening industrial schools and (6) possibly there should be included the pre-vocational schools for boys and girls and the continuation school in some of its aspects."

"In the actual occupations in our city according to the census of 1910 the male workers over 14 years of age were as follows: Unskilled labor, 59,000; skilled labor, 62,000; commercial, 55,000; professions, 9,400, approximately. According to these figures our industrial training is not sufficient to meet the demands of these occupations."

Considerable attention is given to a cooperative course organized last year in the Hyde Park high school as it is capable of considerable expansion. The course is for those boys who desire to acquire their shop training in manufacturing establishments and at the same time continue their high school education. The superintendent says:

"The shop work in the first year is given in the school shop and is entirely of an industrial character. Beginning with the second year the boys work in the various Hyde Park shops three days each week. The instructor in the school shop visits them at their work and consults their foreman. In the school he gives them such supplementary work as is needed to help them in their particular trade. In the school they also receive training in shop mathematics, drawing, shop science and English. There are 65 boys now taking the course."

Advisory Board in Touch

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"The Hyde Park part-time plan is rapidly passing out of the experimental stage and is becoming recognized as worthy of extension to other parts of the city. South Boston would be a very appropriate place to open another center, as there are great industries in that vicinity and many boys who would gladly accept such an opportunity."

NEW CENTURY CLUB GUESTS ARE TO BE N. E. CONGRESSMEN

Gov. Walsh, Mayor Curley and Louis D. Brandeis Also Invited to Dinner in New Quarters

Several New England congressmen will be guests of honor tonight at a dinner given by the New Century Club at the new quarters of the Boston City Club. Governor Walsh, Mayor Curley and Louis D. Brandeis also are among those who have accepted invitations to attend. The dinner will take the form of a celebration of President Wilson's veto of the Smith-Burnett immigration bill which the recent Congress declined to pass over the veto.

Invitations to be present at tonight's dinner were sent to the following congressmen: Maine, D. J. McLaughlin; Vermont, Frank L. Greene; R. B. Stevens, Lisbon, and Eugene E. Reed of Manchester; Massachusetts, James A. Gallivan of Boston, Samuel E. Winslow of Worcester, Calvin DeWitt Paige of Southbridge, John J. Rogers of Lowell, M. F. Phelan of Lynn, F. S. Dietrick of Cambridge, E. W. Roberts of Chelsea, John J. Mitchell of Marlboro, Edward Gilmore of Brockton, W. S. Green of Fall River and Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth; Rhode Island, G. T. O'Shaunessy of Providence, Peter G. Gerry of Warwick and Ambrose Kennedy of Woonsocket.

Dr. Louis Arkin is president of the New Century Club and David A. Louie is chairman of the dinner committee. The membership of the club is composed of professional men. It was formed Dec. 31, 1899, at the beginning of the new century.

NEW HAVEN ROAD PLEAS ARE HEARD

NEW YORK—The federal district court heard argument Monday and reserved decision on the application made by Lewis Cass Ledyard and other directors and former directors of the New Haven railroad to have the government furnish them with a bill of particulars in the criminal proceedings against them. Twenty-one defendants are under indictment charging violation of the antitrust law.

PRINCE JOACHIM BACK TO WEST

(Special to The Christian Science Monitor) BERLIN, Germany—Prince Joachim, the youngest son of the Kaiser, has returned to the western front after the expiration of his furlough.



Bedouin chief at El Basel

VISIT TO HOME OF BEDOUIN CHIEF IS NOVEL EXPERIENCE

Oriental Hospitality Exemplified by Host Who Was at Head of Thousands of Nomads of Desert—All Members of Tribe That Boasts Centuries of Ancestry

"Would you like to spend a few days at the home of a Bedouin chief on the edge of the desert?"

It is needless to say that the question was answered in the affirmative, and that the writer at once sent word stating the time of his arrival at Fayoum, where he was to be met by the retainers of the Bedouin, who is at the head of 35,000 nomads of the desert.

The carriage was found waiting at the train—in fact, a courier of the household had met the party several stations before their ultimate destination, assuring them with various oriental signs, mixed with Arabic and English, that they would be very much welcomed at the castle of his chief. The drive for miles across the well-irrigated country was memorable; the variegated landscape of the fellahs dotted the landscape and the hot air of the desert blew across vast rainless lands. Here and there at the doors of the mud huts could be seen pictures that might have belonged to the time of the Old Testament—women grinding corn at the old-fashioned handmill, white buffalo yoked with camels drawing a crooked stick for a plow, as in the seventh century. It was all weird and strange enough to western eyes.

After the party had passed through one or two villages containing the low black tents of the Bedouin they approached the home of his royal highness, Chief el Basel. The Bedouin tent proved to be a creditable brace of modern buildings which might have been found in a well-ordered community in southern France or Virginia. To be sure, the buildings were low and the architecture somewhat varied and incongruous; the courtyard into which the party drove was austere and barren, almost as treeless and bleak as the desert which could be seen in the distance. The chief evidently had taken his designs, both in the exterior and the interior furnishings, from mingled impressions gained in Cairo, Constantinople and the more modern cities of the continent.

But to say that members of the party who had imagined themselves living like nomads, sleeping in blankets on the sand, beneath the brown tents of this desert people, were surprised at the modern sumptuousness of the habitation that confronted them, faintly expresses it.

As they drove into this semi-royal enclosure of a really sovereign eastern potentate, who rules with no mean government over thousands of wandering desert men scattered through Egypt and Tripoli, they were greeted by 20 or more impressively clad Bedouins of various degrees of distinction, all members of the tribe that boasted of 900 years of ancestry, coming originally from Arabia, the Bedouin's native home.

In front of the committee of welcome stalked the chief, decked in a luxurious silk robe which he carried with exceeding grace and dignity. His salutation was the signal of not less than a score of hands touching respectfully first their heads, then their breasts, signifying "I salute you with my head and my heart"; then the Arabic phrase "Sharrif" ("You are welcome") sounded about the party. To make welcome doubly sure, as soon as the party alighted a dozen or more turbaned Bedouins of warlike appearance (for each wore pistols in his belt and some carried guns), stepped forward and insisted upon

kissing the writer's hand, uttering ejaculations of approval and good will.

In the extravagance of oriental hospitality, which was one of the impressions left upon the party by this visit, none outdid the host. His full name, including title, was Abdul Satar el Basel, Chief de la Tribu Bedouin el Rameh at Indeh de Kasel el Basel, but to save time the party usually called him "Chief." With much saluting and in fairly good French (the chief spoke no English) he invited the guests to come into the inner court, where they found themselves in a modern drawing-room, the decoration of which reminded one more of Versailles and Louis XIV. than the black tents and mud huts they had been passing along the way to this sole modern house of the Bedouin tribe of El Basel.

Here one seemed to be shadowed most of the time by a servant holding a tray in one hand and some sweets in another.

The early injunction of the chief and host was to be "perfectly natural," reiterating that his dwelling was the party's home. He impressed upon the writer this fact when the latter went to his sleeping room and found a beautiful Arab costume of silk, with both the inner and outer robes, which the servant helped him to don in place of his heavier clothing, and which the host insisted he should keep as a permanent possession. The writer found the costume most acceptable in that part of the world.

A fine Arabian horse was also allotted to the writer, and he does not remember a more pleasurable recreation during his entire sojourn in Egypt than that which he received upon the back of his fine animal in long, hard rides over the well-packed sands of the desert in the early evenings, when that indescribable azure sky marks the passage of the blazing Egyptian day into the black Egyptian night.

His companion in these horseback rides was usually the cousin of the host, who one night slyly asked if the writer's wife had said anything about the appearance of the wife of the chief. It must be understood that these people observe the strictest seclusion of their women, and while the writer's wife was allowed entrance to the women's quarters, where no man save the chief himself was ever admitted, this relative of the family, who had spent long visits in the home, had never as much as looked upon the face of the hostess. Indeed, one was told that the brother of el Basel, who had lived under the same roof for years, had never seen the Bedouin ruler's wife.

The strictness of this seclusion was brought humorously to the party's attention one day when the hostess with a company of women met the host unexpectedly as they were coming out of a relative's house. The moment was a tragic one. The women who found it possible made a hasty escape into the house. The others dropped suddenly upon their knees with their faces to a wall, while an old servant covered them with her shawl until the men had passed.

On another occasion, as the writer was crossing the courtyard, he met almost face to face the hostess in the company of his wife. Her conversation was hardly greater than his own, and he fled precipitately into the house. Her husband, the writer was told afterward, was not so much that he should be

husband or some of the many guests should have witnessed the sacrifice.

This seclusion of women is far less strict with the Bedouins who live in tents—in fact, the wandering Bedouins do not exclude their women. The writer was also surprised to learn that it is the women who are the strictest upholders of this ancient custom, which means to the women of the East the loyalty and protection of the husband. The Moslem husband who does not maintain the seclusion of his women is thought to have lost his affection for them.

The visit here was one round of receptions and calls upon Bedouin relatives—cousins, uncles and aunts, of which there seemed to be no end. The whole tribe is directly or indirectly related, and the custom of entertaining each other and the presentation of gifts forms a considerable part of the daily life and routine. The lands of these people join and embrace no less than 5000 acres, which are among the richest agricultural lands in the valley of the Nile. These possessions occupy the famous Fayoum section, where Joseph's exalted still are shown to travelers. A small railway engine carries the farm products from one village to another, and it was astonishing to see in a field adjoining one filled with primitive implements and oxen treading out the corn, as in the days of old, a steam threshing machine in full operation, also a steam plow and a road maker. The guest house, within the outer courtyard, was always filled with wandering or traveling members of the tribe, who were entertained by their chief. There were said to be never less than 20 of these guests enjoying the hospitality of their ruler. Similar to the customs of the time of Abraham, a sheep is prepared to eat when a guest arrives.

One man was a teacher—a sheik—who spent a considerable time at his prayers in the corner of the rest house, bowing back and forth, quite oblivious to the presence in the room of other Bedouins who were conversing tranquilly as they cleaned their firearms. Many of the visitors were on their way to Tripoli, 30 days by camel, and a Bedouin who could speak English said that much of their conversation was concerning the war then in progress between Italy and Turkey, in which many members of their tribe living in Tripoli were fighting. These Bedouins, indeed, have made various attempts to assist their relatives and friends, but the sending of money and arms and also by volunteering as soldiers of the Turkish army.

An amusing incident is narrated which reveals Lord Kitchener's mingled powers of strategy and resourcefulness when certain chiefs of Bedouin tribes called upon him expressing their desire to gather a large force of their warlike brethren and join in guerrilla fighting against Italy. It must be remembered that the Egyptian dreads more than all else conscription in the army, and Bedouins have been exempt from service as soldiers. Upon receiving this announcement from the chiefs of the nomad tribes, the soldier of Khartoum laid solemnly the men of the desert, saying that he was sorry that he had heretofore overlooked their martial propensities, that he would immediately see that Egypt did not lose the benefit of these heroic sons who longed for glory upon the battlefield, and that he would have them all enrolled at once under the same terms as the Egyptians in the regular army. It was stated that at this proposal the dust that rose from beneath the flying feet of those Bedouin chiefs as they escaped from the presence of his lordship, was like unto that which sometimes rises over Egypt from a thick Khamseen—the wind that blows the sands of the Sahara.

But these desert men must not be thought of as mere wanderers in the sand. Their leaders, at least, are men of business, sometimes owning large estates and competing with the most advanced Egyptians in agricultural pursuits.

One night as the writer was sitting with a circle of landowners, the telephone bell rang and a servant brought to the host the telephone receiver, and he could be heard carrying on a conversation with officials in Fayoum, 25 miles away. When he had finished his conversation he said that he had just been talking with government officials, who were arranging a meeting between the landholders of the section and the English consul-general the following day, a meeting for the purpose of discussing matters of irrigation, farming and also the subject of education for the boys and girls in the small village schools of rural Egypt.

If you walk behind an Egyptian man on the streets of Cairo or Alexandria, if you sit at a table of state in the midst of pashadom, or listen to the donkey boys and the camel drivers or fellows about their huts in the country, or sit with those nomads with the air of the desert blowing upon your face, it is always the same—they are talking money, money and piasters. Nor is this passing strange, since the majority of Egyptians are unable to read and write, only three in 1000 females and only 35 in 1000 males being literate, according to the official report of last year. And not only are these people deprived of the interests and advantages consequent upon education, but it is only recently that either Bedouin or Egyptian has dared to make known the possession of his wealth lest he be despoiled of it by Turkish officials.

The chief of the Bedouins was also discovered, not merely as a business man but as a ruler and judge. Members of his tribe bring to him all kinds of cases and his modern Bedouin tent is frequently converted into a tribunal, wherein the tribal head has complete power over his subjects.

While the party were present at his home he was called upon to act as judge in a trial, and the bold way with which he made his rulings reminded one of the autonomy of feudal days. He is virtually the lord and master not only of his home, but also of the village and of the educational and industrial life of the region. This makes a large number

of varied activities, the settlement of a large variety of cases. The old feuds, for example, are constantly renegeated among these tribes.

Among the strongest impressions of these days were those concerning the strictness of Mohammedan religion as carried out in the Bedouin community. It may be true that in the large cities, where the tides of modern civilization sweep in from other lands, the Moslem faith, which comprises 223,000,000 adherents, or one seventh of the entire population of the earth, may be rationalized and changed in part, but here in the desert Mohammedanism was found apparently as it was given out by Mohammed in the seventh century. The services of prayer are held in the little Bedouin villages at noonday, when the fellahs are brought by the call to prayer in the little mosques from their tasks in the fields. These sons of the land would crowd the small rooms, and then they Alled the street outside as they knelt in their prayers to Allah.

Repeatedly in this country one noticed a humble farm laborer leaving his work, and the camel driver dismounting from his camel to kneel upon the edge of the field or the sand, with his face toward Mecca, at one of the five prescribed daily times for prayer.

In the modern "kuttas" or Moslem school, a section set apart for a praying place for the children. The complexity of these prayers makes it necessary that the boys and girls begin to learn them early. This school, as well as the entire government of the community, was maintained entirely at the expense of this Bedouin chief, who explained with the keenest pleasure the modernity of these institutions.

These men carry the Koran with them on their desert journeys, and are aroused more easily against a government which touches even indirectly their religious life than over any question of politics or business. These desert men hold a religion which has withstood for 12 centuries every effort of other faiths or forces to color or to change their belief. Members of Islam, wherever we find them, must first be dealt with not as citizens but as Moslems.

These Bedouins, like the modern Egyptians, are changing their exterior expressions of life through the use of modern implements and progressive institutions received from the north and the west. They have become modernized in commerce, but they have not become Christianized in religion. As far as can be discovered, western forces had swept over their religious creeds and convictions, leaving them practically unchanged. It was learned that the American mission, with scores of missionaries, which has done loyal work educationally, religiously and medically for more than 30 years in Egypt, during that entire time has not been able to report more than 150 converts from Mohammedanism to Christianity. The Christian influence, however, and the spirit of civilization which America has given to Egypt through these devoted people have told mightily.

What the future may hold for the people of tropical Egypt is much easier to predict politically and commercially than it is religiously. Some of the keenest and most broad-minded students of Mohammedanism, after years of study amongst the Moslems, say that Islam cannot modernize itself and still be Islam. The older Moslem, whether he find him in Bedouin tents or in the Cairo homes of an Egyptian Pasha, appears to be perfectly satisfied with the faith as his Arabian prophet outlined it so many centuries ago—the worship of one God, the giving of alms, the fasting and five daily prayers, and a pilgrimage to Mecca marking the culmination of Moslem piety. Yet one can hardly witness some of the results of this medieval faith, its lack of adaptability to modern conditions in its social laws, especially its doctrines in relation to women, together with its fanaticism as to the letter of its laws, without the realization that, as it now stands, Islam is inadequate to meet many of the new and most vital needs of a modern people.

The chief hope at present seems to rest in the fact that the English nation, expressed through modern schools, modern industry, courts of justice, and through such personalities as that of Lord Kitchener, is in Egypt to stay, and with its occupation there is coming to this country—Bedouin, Egyptian and Turco-Egyptian alike—a new vision of all that is most effective in the land of the Christian.

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BOSTON ADOPTS NEW TEACHERS' TRAINING PLAN

School Committee Aims to Secure Better Prepared Secondary Instructors by Temporary Ap-pointing System

By action of the school committee at its regular meeting last evening Boston has adopted a plan for the training of high school teachers, designed to secure a better trained corps of teachers in secondary schools than the city has at the present time.

By placing greater emphasis upon successful teaching experience it will also overcome the difficulty often arising which has given to the young graduates from college a higher rating than a teacher of experience whose absorption in the work of the class room has left academic technicalities unmastered. This is the first attempt in Massachusetts to give special training to high school teachers.

According to this plan submitted by the board of superintendents young college graduates who have had, in addition to this graduation, a year's course in secondary education approved by the board, such as the course in secondary education established at Harvard and leading to a master's degree, or a year at the Boston normal school, may be appointed to temporary positions in high schools for one year at a salary of \$500. They will be carefully supervised by the department of training and practice, and at the end of one academic year may be appointed for a second year under the same conditions with an increase of \$100 in salary. At the successful termination of this year they may be appointed to regular positions in the service.

Jeremiah E. Burke, assistant superintendent of schools, was reappointed to a unanimous vote for another term of five years.

Resume Review School

The summer review school inaugurated last year will be resumed this year, the committee establishing the schools and appointing their principals as follows: Summer review high school, in Roxbury high school building, Malcolm D. Barrows, principal; East Boston, U. Grant school, James A. Crowley; Chelsea, Warren school, Charles G. Westenberg; West End, Washington school, Edgar L. Raub; city proper, Abraham Lincoln school, Alton C. Chubbuck; Roxbury, Hugh O'Brien school, Thomas J. Kelly; South Boston, Blandford, A. Lynch; South Boston, Sheridan school, John J. Cummings; Dorchester, W. Holmes, Roger A. Powers. The high school principal will be given 67 and the elementary school principals 22 each per session.

The schools will open on June 22 and will hold every week day with the exception of July 3 and 4, up to and including Aug. 14. The high school will begin at 8 o'clock and close at noon. The elementary schools will be in session from 8:30 to 11:30.

Susan J. Ginn was appointed acting director of vocational guidance for the remainder of the school year at a salary of \$1800. It was voted to establish a pre-vocational center in the Parkman building, Lawrence district, South Boston. Carpentry will be taught during the remainder of the year, but beginning with September there will be also machine shop practice and electrical work.

The recommendation of the superintendent that 60 school property be disposed of, as proposed by the finance commission, was unanimously sustained. Dr. Dyer stated that certain property which the commission had found idle last June was now in use, and that other property not yet occupied would soon be needed for school purposes. As to other property the superintendent thought it undesirable to sell any of it at this time.

MICHIGAN GAINS FOR PROHIBITION ARE INDICATED

DETROIT, Mich.—Returns received up to midnight indicated sweeping victories for the prohibitionists in the local option contests in the Michigan state election Monday. Incomplete returns also showed large majorities for the Michigan state ticket. All the four prohibition counties remained in the prohibition column with comfortable majorities. At least nine counties apparently adopted prohibition.

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ILLINOIS SEEKS WAYS TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Chicago Bureau

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The constitutional convention measure having been lost in the House, after carrying the Senate, the Legislature this week will take up other plans of constitutional revision. On Thursday the House is scheduled to hear Governor Dunn's proposal to amend the amending clause to the constitution. As but one amendment can be passed at a session, the adoption of this plan will mean that any revenue initiative and referendum, or woman suffrage amendment will be eliminated for this term.

Illinois' constitution is so framed that it requires a two-thirds vote of either house to pass a new amendment, and when one is passed that ends the amendment making for that assembly. Governor Dunn proposes to make it possible to pass three amendments at a session. This plan met with favor before the Legislature convened, and has grown in popularity since the convention's defeat, as the only means of getting relief in the immediate future.

So many kind words had been spoken in behalf of a constitutional convention that its defeat in the House came as a surprise. It lacked 10 votes of getting the necessary two-thirds.

ILLINOIS PRESS ASSOCIATION PLANS FOR ITS JUBILEE

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Chicago Bureau

CHICAGO—The golden jubilee of the Illinois Press Association, one of the oldest press organizations in the country, will be held in this city May 19, 20 and 21, with headquarters at the Hotel Sherman. The association comprises the leading papers of the state outside of Chicago. Elaborate plans, both for the convention itself and the entertainment of its delegates, are now in progress, one feature to be a dinner by the Chicago Association of Commerce on May 20.

The founder and first president of the association, J. M. Page, of the Democrat of Jerseyville, Ill., is again its president and will preside.

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HOME RULE FOR SCHOOLS IS AIM IN NEW YORK

Powers of Boards of Education in All Cities of State Would Be Increased by New Bill Now Before the Albany Legislature

ALBANY, N. Y.—A bill to increase and define the power of boards of education in those cities of New York state which already have them and to create such boards in the other cities has been referred to the legislative committee on public education. It was introduced by Representative Hinman, with the unanimous support of the regents of the University of the State of New York.

Dr. John H. Finley, president of the university, says the bill is intended to make unnecessary the constant appeals of the local school boards to the state legislature for permission to do particular things. It would cause some slight modifications in administrative machinery, but it would thereby broaden and strengthen it, he says. All teachers and other employees would be protected in their present rights.

The boards at the head of the proposed city departments of education would have from five to twenty-three members, according to the size of the city. The present practice of the city would determine whether they should be appointed by the mayor or elected. Everywhere except in New York city they would be chosen from the city at large. There they would be appointed by the mayor, a specified number from each borough.

In certain matters the local boards will be subject to the University of the State of New York, and the commission of education. They would, however, have power to "create, abolish, maintain and consolidate such positions, divisions, boards or bureaus" as it may judge wise. The bill would also give them control, within fixed limits, over salaries, and allow them to maintain "such free elementary schools, high schools, training schools, vocational and industrial schools, technical schools, night schools, part time or continuation schools, vacation schools, schools for adults, open air schools" or such other classes as the needs of the city may be deemed to demand.

Social and recreation centers are also provided for.

The bill is said to represent a three years' study of conditions over the state.

NEW SECRETARY OF STATE INSTALLED IN NEW JERSEY

TRENTON, N. J.—In the presence of Governor Fielder, the members of the House of Assembly and hundreds of other spectators, Thomas F. Martin of Hudson county took the oath of office late Monday evening as secretary of state, succeeding David S. Crater of Monmouth county.

The appointment is for a full term of five years. William L. Dill of Passaic county will be assistant in place of Job H. Lippincott, and commissioner of motor vehicles.

PAY-UP WEEK IS PLAN IN VILLAGE

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from the Chicago Bureau

CHICAGO—The board of directors of the Oak Park Commercial Association has voted to hold a "Pay-Up Week" in the village and passed the idea on to the membership for approval. When the customer pays his bill at the butcher shop or the grocery store he will receive a colored button with the inscription "I have paid my bills," a different color for each tradesman. Banners labeled "Pay Your Bills" are planned for the streets. The time set is the first week in May. The idea originated, it is said, with the little town of Waukon in Iowa.

FIELDS CORNER FAVORED

At a meeting last night of the Men's Club of the Dorchester settlement house a protest against the petition presented to the city council yesterday to change the name of Fields Corner to Robinson square was registered. It was voted to favor the extension of Granger street to Fields Corner.

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COLUMBIA TO GET LECTURE SERIES BY PROF. W. H. TAFT

NEW YORK—President Nicholas Murray Butler Monday announced gifts to the university amounting to \$54,893. The largest of the gifts was for \$30,000, anonymous, to be applied to the reconstruction and new equipment of the laboratory of chemistry in Havemeyer hall. At the meeting the trustees selected Prof. William H. Taft to lecture next fall under the George Blumenthal Foundation in political science. He will give six lectures, the dates of which are Oct. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27. The subject will be "The Presidency: Its Powers, Duties, Responsibilities and Limitations."

OREGON CAMP SITE CHOSEN
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Reports from San Francisco are to the effect the Klamath Indian reservation has been chosen as a site for maneuvers of the organized militia of Oregon, California and Utah next summer, says the Sacramento Union.

ROOSEVELT CASE IS SET
SYRACUSE, N. Y.—By agreement of counsel, the trial of the \$50,000 libel suit brought by William Barnes of Albany against Col. Theodore Roosevelt, has been set down for April 19.

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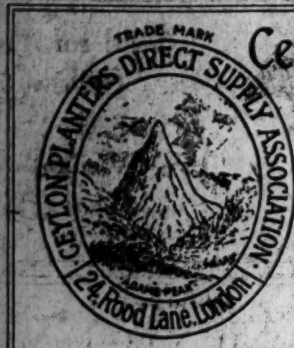
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STOCKS SHOW AN IRREGULAR TREND TODAY

Recent Prominent Issues Continue in Forefront, With Some New Ones Added—Edison Securities Leaders in Boston—List

General strength and fair activity once more prevailed in the New York stock market in the early dealings today. Once more there were large jumps upward in special stocks, most of them being among the issues that have been so conspicuous for buoyancy lately, but with one or two recruits in the list of big gains.

Colorado Fuel and Westinghouse were prominent in the first few minutes of trading today and American Locomotive, Bethlehem Steel and the Maxwell stocks were other leaders. Rock Island rose nearly a point and then fell back. Steel common went above 50 and then its advantage was largely canceled. Union Pacific advanced a substantial fraction, but shaded off.

Edison stock and the new rights were strong at the opening of the Boston market. Ray Consolidated, Alaska and Granby also sold considerably higher, with the list as a whole inclined to advance. United Fruit was off a couple of points. Changes in many stocks were insignificant in the first 15 minutes.

The New York market reacted at the end of the first half hour.

The Boston market also eased off. Before midday a harder tone prevailed in both New York and Boston. Reading, after opening up 1/4 at 147 1/2, went to 147, receded to 146 1/2, and then advanced more than a point. Steel was up 1/4 at the opening at 50 1/4. After yielding to 49 1/2, it rose a point. Anaconda was up 1/4 at the opening at 29 1/2 and rose more than a point.

Bethlehem Steel was up 1/4 at 93 at the opening and rose to 94 1/2, a new high record, and then sold off 2 points. It rallied somewhat before midday. Rock Island was up 1/4 at the opening at 29. It dropped to 27 1/2 and then sold well above 29. Westinghouse Electric and General Electric made further gains.

On the local exchange United Shoe Machinery opened up 1/4 at 61 1/2. It advanced to 63 before midday. United Fruit opened off 2 points at 131 and after advancing to 132 1/2 declined under 130. Mohawk and Utah Copper recorded good gains.

Texas Oil had a big jump in New York in the afternoon. Steel lost all of its early gain. Reading had a further advance before the beginning of the last hour. Bethlehem Steel sold off sharply on announcement of President Schwab that future heavy expenditures would be paid out of earnings, although he said practically the same thing before. Mohawk had a good advance on the local exchange. Copper Range also moved up. Granby and Butte & Superior sagged off.

RAILWAY EARNINGS

COLORADO & SOUTHERN

	Fourth week March.	Third week March.	Fourth week Feb.
Revenue	\$356,278	\$356,278	\$356,278
Expenses	1,049,940	1,049,940	1,049,940
Net income	11,024,520	11,024,520	11,024,520

TEXAS & PACIFIC

	Fourth week March.	Third week March.	Fourth week Feb.
Revenue	\$409,007	\$409,007	\$409,007
Expenses	1,390,313	1,390,313	1,390,313
Net income	12,968,848	12,968,848	12,968,848

CUMBERLAND VALLEY

	Year ended Dec. 31.	1914	1913
Operating revenue	\$3,227,045	\$3,227,045	\$3,227,045
Operating expenses	2,501,506	2,501,506	2,501,506
Net revenue	1,025,539	1,025,539	1,025,539

RIO GRANDE-SOUTHERN

	1914	1913
Operating revenue	\$38,258	\$38,258
Operating expenses	9,390	9,390
Net revenue	\$28,868	\$28,868

GREAT NORTHERN

	1914	1913
Operating revenue	\$3,914,717	\$3,914,717
Operating expenses	1,100,320	1,100,320
Net revenue	\$2,814,397	\$2,814,397

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

	1914	1913
Operating revenue	\$1,446,969	\$1,446,969
Operating expenses	\$710,020	\$710,020
Net revenue	\$736,949	\$736,949

GREAT NORTHERN

	1914	1913
Operating revenue	\$4,642,180	\$4,642,180
Operating expenses	\$2,583,122	\$2,583,122
Net revenue	\$2,059,058	\$2,059,058

MOBILE & OHIO

	1914	1913
Operating revenue	\$809,117	\$809,117
Operating expenses	191,347	191,347
Net revenue	\$617,770	\$617,770

WEATHER

BOSTON AND VICINITY PREDICTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU: Unsettled tonight, Wednesday fair, moderate west winds.

WASHINGTON—The United States weather bureau predicts weather as follows for New England: Cloudy tonight, Wednesday fair, fresh south to west winds.

TEMPERATURE TODAY

	8 a. m.	4 p. m.
Boston	41	49
New York	41	49
Philadelphia	41	49

IN OTHER CITIES

	8 a. m.	4 p. m.
Albany	38	46
Buffalo	38	46
Chicago	38	46

ALMANAC FOR TODAY

	8 a. m.	4 p. m.
Sun rises	6:10	4:45
Sun sets	6:10	4:45
Length of day	12:30	12:30

LIGHT AUTO LAMPS at 6:45 P. M.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK—Following are the transactions on the New York Stock Exchange, giving the opening, high, low and last sales to 2:00 p. m. today:

	Open	High	Low	Last
Adams Express	89 1/2	89 3/4	89 1/2	89 3/4
Alaska Gold	36 1/2	36 3/4	36 1/2	36 3/4
Al-Chal Mfg Co	45	45	45	45
Amalgamated	63 1/2	64 1/4	63 1/2	64 1/4
Am Beet Sugar	45 1/2	45 3/4	45 1/2	45 3/4
Am Can	32	32	31 3/4	31 3/4
Am Can pf	96 1/2	96 3/4	96 1/2	96 3/4
Am Car Fy	49	49	48	48
Am Coal Prod	93 1/2	93 3/4	93 1/2	93 3/4
Am Cotton Oil	47 1/2	47 3/4	47 1/2	47 3/4
Am H & L	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 3/4
Am Ice Sec Co	31 1/2	31 3/4	31 1/2	31 3/4
Am Loco	33	33 1/2	32 3/4	32 3/4
Am Smelting	67 1/2	67 3/4	67 1/2	67 3/4
Am Smelting pf	104 1/2	104 3/4	104 1/2	104 3/4
Am Steel Fy	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 1/2	30 3/4
Am Sugar	107	107 1/2	106 3/4	106 3/4
Am Tel & Tel	119 1/2	119 3/4	119 1/2	119 3/4
Am Woolen	16	16	16	16
Am Woolen pf	81	81	81	81
Am W Paper	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 3/4
Anaconda	29 1/2	29 3/4	29 1/2	29 3/4
Atchafalca	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4
Atchafalca pf	98 1/2	98 3/4	98 1/2	98 3/4
Bald Loco	38 1/2	38 3/4	38 1/2	38 3/4
Balt & Ohio	72 1/2	72 3/4	72 1/2	72 3/4
Beth Steel	93	94 1/4	93 1/2	94 1/4
Beth Steel pf	105 1/2	105 3/4	105 1/2	105 3/4
B F Goodrich	43 1/2	43 3/4	43 1/2	43 3/4
Brooklyn R T	91	91	90 3/4	90 3/4
Bruno Terminal	6	6	6	6
Butterick	28 1/2	28 3/4	28 1/2	28 3/4
Cal Petroleum	13 1/2	13 3/4	13 1/2	13 3/4
Cal Petroleum pf	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2
Can Pacific	164 1/2	164 3/4	163 3/4	164 3/4
Can Leather	35 1/2	35 3/4	35 1/2	35 3/4
Ches & Ohio	44 1/2	44 3/4	44 1/2	44 3/4
C M & St Paul	90 1/2	90 3/4	90 1/2	90 3/4
C M & St Paul pf	126 1/2	126 3/4	126 1/2	126 3/4
Chi & G West	124 1/2	124 3/4	124 1/2	124 3/4
Chi & G West pf	32 1/2	32 3/4	32 1/2	32 3/4
Chi & N West	127 1/2	127 3/4	127 1/2	127 3/4
Chi R I & Pac	29	29 1/2	28 3/4	28 3/4
Chino Copper	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 1/2	30 3/4
Col Fuel	20 1/2	20 3/4	20 1/2	20 3/4
Col South	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 1/2	30 3/4
Con Can	64	64	63	63
Con Can pf	97	97	97	97
Con Gas	121	121	120 1/2	120 1/2
Corn Products	11 1/2	11 3/4	11 1/2	11 3/4
Corn Products pf	73 1/2	73 3/4	73 1/2	73 3/4
Cub-Am Sug	62	62	60	60
Denver	73 1/2	73 3/4	73 1/2	73 3/4
Denver pf	13 1/2	13 3/4	13 1/2	13 3/4
D S S & A	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 3/4
Erie	27 1/2	27 3/4	27 1/2	27 3/4
Erie 1st pf	44 1/2	44 3/4	44 1/2	44 3/4
Erie 2nd pf	35 1/2	35 3/4	35 1/2	35 3/4
Fed M & S Co	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 1/2	9 3/4
Gen Chem pf	107 1/2	107 3/4	107 1/2	107 3/4
Gen Electric	148 1/2	148 3/4	148 1/2	148 3/4
Gen Motor	128 1/2	128 3/4	127 3/4	128 3/4
Gen Motor pf	103	103 1/2	103	103 1/2
Gt Nor Ore	36	36 1/2	35 3/4	35 3/4
Gt Nor pf	120	120 1/2	119 3/4	119 3/4
Gux Co	54 1/2	54 3/4	54 1/2	54 3/4
Harv of N J	97	97	97	97
Homestake	116	116	116	116
Inspiration	28 1/2	28 3/4	28 1/2	28 3/4
Inter-Met	16 1/2	16 3/4	16 1/2	16 3/4
Inter-Met pf	69	69 1/2	68 3/4	68 3/4
Inter Paper	93 1/2	93 3/4	93 1/2	93 3/4
Inter Paper pf	38 1/2	38 3/4	38 1/2	38 3/4
Inter Pump	17 1/2	17 3/4	17 1/2	17 3/4
Kan City So	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/2	24 3/4
Kayser Co	82	82	82	82
Kayser Co pf	108 1/2	108 3/4	108 1/2	108 3/4
Laclede Gas	98	98	98	98
Laclede Gas pf	35 1/2	35 3/4	35 1/2	35 3/4
Lake E & W	7 1/2	7 3/4	7 1/2	7 3/4
Lewis Valley	137 1/2	137 3/4	137 1/2	137 3/4
L-Whites Co	22	22	22	22
Louis & Nash	119 1/2	119 3/4	119 1/2	119 3/4
Manhattan	128	128	128	128
Maxwell Motor	47 1/2	47 3/4	46 3/4	46 3/4
Max Motor 1st pf	86	86	86	86
Max Motor 2d pf	41 1/2	41 3/4	40 3/4	40 3/4
Mex Co	45 1/2	45 3/4	45 1/2	45 3/4
Mex Petrol	70 1/2	70 3/4	69 3/4	69 3/4
Miami	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/2	24 3/4
Mo Kan & Tex	14	14	13 3/4	13 3/4
Mo Kan & Tex pf	38	38	38	38
Mon Power Co	52 1/2	52 3/4	52 1/2	52 3/4
Mon Power Co pf	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4
Mo Pacific	14	14	13 3/4	13 3/4
Nat Lead	63 1/2	63 3/4	62 3/4	62 3/4
Nat Lead pf	101	101	101	101
Nat C & S	78	78	78	78
Nat Biscuit	122 1/2	122 3/4	122 1/2	122 3/4
Nat C & S pf	102 1/2	102 3/4	102 1/2	102 3/4
N Y Air Brake	70	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Nevada Con	13 1/2	13 3/4	13 1/2	13 3/4
N Y C	86	86 1/2	86	86 1/2
N & W	103 1/2	103 3/4	103 1/2	103 3/4
N Y N H & H	60 1/2	60 3/4	60 1/2	60 3/4
No Pac	107 1/2	107 3/4	107 1/2	107 3/4
O & W	28 1/2	28 3/4	28 1/2	28 3/4
Pac T & T	27 1/2	27 3/4	27 1/2	27 3/4
Penn	106 1/2	106 3/4	106 1/2	106 3/4
Peoples Gas	122	122	122	122
Pitts Coal	22 1/2	22 3/4	22 1/2	22 3/4
Pitts Coal pf	95 1/2	95 3/4	95 1/2	95 3/4
Press St Car	34 1/2	34 3/4	34 1/2	34 3/4
Press Steel C pf	96 1/2	96 3/4	96 1/2	96 3/4
Quicksilver	5 1/2	5 3/4	5 1/2	5 3/4
Quicksilver pf	1	1	1	1
Ray Con	21	21 1/2	20 3/4	20 3/4
Ray Steel	25 1/2	25 3/4	25 1/2	25 3/4
Reading	146 1/2	146 3/4	146 1/2	146 3/4
Rep 1 & S	23 1/2	23 3/4	23 1/2	23 3/4
Rep 1 & S pf	80 1/2	80 3/4	80 1/2	80 3/4
Rock Island pf	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/2
Rumely	3 1/2	3 3/4	3 1/2	3 3/4
Rumely pf	7 1/2	7 3/4	7 1/2	7 3/4
Seab & L pf	37	37	37	37
Sears Roebuck	137 1/2	137 3/4	137 1/2	137 3/4
Sloss-Shef	31 1/2	31 3/4	31 1/2	31 3/4
So Pac	88 1/2	88 3/4	87 3/4	87 3/4
So Ry	18 1/2	18 3/4	18 1/2	18 3/4
So Ry pf	57 1/2	57 3/4	56 3/4	56 3/4

ACCUMULATION OF ORDERS IN LONDON LIST

General Market Firm, With American Department Among Strongest—Advances of From One to Three Points Scored

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from the European Bureau

LONDON—Stock markets generally steady.

(By Boston Financial News)

LONDON—Firmness characterized the stock markets today. There was a fair accumulation of orders over the holidays.

The steady progress of the Russians in the campaign for the Carpathian passes had a favorable effect.

The gilt-edged section had a hard tone, notwithstanding a fresh advance in discounts.

Home rails were steady, but lacked vigor.

Americans showed the greatest strength on advice from the American side. Advances of from 1 to 3 points were noted. Canadian Pacific was sympathetically affected, the poor earnings being ignored.

Argentine rails firm on favorable crop news. Foreigners steady and mines, rubbers and oils were strong in spots.

A heavy tone prevailed in Hudson Rays because the company's land sales in the last quarter were small.

LONDON MARKET—CLOSE

Amalgamated 63 1/2

Atchafalca 100 1/2

Bald Loco 38 1/2

Balt & Ohio 72 1/2

Beth Steel 93

Beth Steel pf 105 1/2

World's Latest News of Industries and Commerce

USUAL SHOE TRADE ACTIVITY AT THIS TIME IS LACKING

Leather End of Business Also Dull as General Thing—
Situation in South Brighter and Western Conditions
Favorable—Factors Pointing to Improvement

The usual shoe trade activity expected at this time of year, and for which merchants have been preparing, has not as yet appeared. The leather end of the business also has not felt the impulsion, which is ordinarily the case. To be sure, there has been something doing in all the factories, but the major part of the manufacturers have failed to approach a capacity output.

The situation, however, is brighter, southern merchants reporting that the movement of cotton, although far from normal, has been sufficient to instill a fair amount of animation into the business, and the feeling that the extreme dullness throughout the South is not likely to return.

Commercial travelers bring nothing discouraging from the West, although their reports lack the contented sentiment so commonly heard from the corn and wheat states. The custom of western merchants to allow prospective crop conditions to influence their operations is in evidence this spring and their attitude intimates a waiting policy. Orders are small and early deliveries required.

The average shoe factory is so slack of work that it is difficult to find anything to say of an encouraging nature. However, reports are not all unfavorable. Those specializing men's fine and semi-fine footwear are turning out a fair lot of goods and although they may be far from a capacity output, they are fully as far from a shut down. The past week's receipt of orders from the wholesale trade has been gratifying and gives to the situation a brighter aspect.

Orders for men's heavy serviceable shoes have been few and small of late, and more business must now be obtained if the present factory activity is to be maintained. These manufacturers have had a good run of trade and a lull in the business would not be surprising. The boys' and youths' sizes of this grade have not had the demand which the adult sizes have enjoyed; neither can it be said that the immediate prospects are bright.

Ladies' footwear has been greatly favored by good shopping weather and the radical changes which fashion demands. Therefore, factories which had the courage to "catch on" in the early stages of these fancy military effects have had a fair run of business. The many predictions that the new shoes were too finical and would soon lose favor with the public have not proved correct. The call shows no abatement, but buyers are extremely cautious, for when they drop into the list of "has-beens" the "left-overs" will not be worth much, it is contended.

Manufacturers of children's shoes say orders are more frequent, but they lack quantity. However, the factories are running nearly 75 per cent of capacity and if this is kept up little fault should be found considering the general dullness.

The hide market is fully as mellow as it has been for 10 days or more. Conditions are vague, and one's opinion regarding the present or future is as good as another's, it is said.

Prices can be quoted, but they would carry little significance as to what a buyer might accomplish if he were in quest of a pack or more of winter hides.

The quantity of the packs now offered being the poorest of the year, and the big packers ignoring prices set by the smaller or so-called outside packers, give to values a very uncertain element. To those watching events it appears as a case of the packers holding on

against the effects which a long dull spell has already made plain, and may be further manifested unless the market is featured by an approach of normality in the home demand, or a reentry of foreign buyers. As to the latter it seems nearer fruition than an early improvement in the domestic market; if recent cablegrams ordering sample lots can be taken as a criterion.

The situation, however, is not complex, nor is it one which gives to large operators of experience much, if any, superior foresight in matters controlling today's conditions, for, as a matter of fact, it is restrictive trading alone which has brought the leather business to the state of inactivity now so general, and its consequent results now noticed in the demand for hides.

It is the old story of stock in abundance, and by buyers conspicuously absent, a combination extremely detrimental to business whatever the commodity.

Therefore, it must be more or less fallacious to predict what the future may bring except that the packers are urging winter hides upon the tanners who are indifferent, partly because they are in no great need of them, but mostly because the "free of grub" stock is gradually coming to hand. After all, however, winter or summer hides will be regulated by the business demands which consumers make. Leather men consider trading unsatisfactory, with no expectation of an immediate improvement. The inactivity of the market is so general that even the exception, usually found in almost all conditions and phases of merchandising, seems conspicuously absent today.

Hemlock sole leather is such a staple that an ordinary lull of business does not affect it seriously, but now daily sales are not alone small, but few. Shipments abroad are still going on, but new contracts are not forthcoming. Union backs are in fair demand, sole cutters being in the market most of the time. The foreign buyers are waiting for rates and sample lots which may lead up to a good business. Oak sole leather is much the same. Perhaps a better business might be reported if the shoe fairs were not looking for a break in prices. This seems reasonable but it is said to be hardly good judgment for buyers to expect oak leather to take the lead in a slump of prices. Hemlock might fall off some, but oak leather is a commodity fairly able to regulate its own value for, being in a class by itself, it has had an element of independence.

Upper leather is quiet from the best to the cheapest grades. Seldom are there sales of fair-size lots reported. Calf skins move when terms are sufficiently tempting and side leather, which found big foreign demand last fall, is now dull. Prices remain steady, although dealers would not be averse to entertaining offers for fair-size lots, although they might reject them.

Patent calf is popular, and receipts are forwarded without delay. So it is with light weight sides. Compared with leather generally, patent is selling very well. The sharp demand for colored kid is giving finishers something to do, which also has started a small business on the better grades of black stock. The skins from 10 to 16c are selling as well as usual, and dealers are confident that they will have no trouble in disposing of such stock. The kid situation has really improved and is more promising now than for many months past.

INTERNATIONAL MERCANTILE MARINE'S FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

NEW YORK—International Mercantile Marine, which has defaulted interest on \$52,744,000 collateral trust 4½ per cent bonds, amounting to \$1,686,740, and passed into receivership, was incorporated June 6, 1893, as International Navigation Company and assumed its present name under amended certificate of incorporation Oct. 1, 1902.

The company owns entire stocks of Oceanic Steam Navigation Company (White Star line); Atlantic Transport Company, Ltd.; and Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia (Atlantic Transport line); International Navigation Company, Ltd. (American line); Societe Anonyme de Navigation Belge-Amerique (Red Star line); Mississippi & Dominion Steamship Company, Ltd.; and British & North Atlantic Steam Navigation Company, Ltd. (Dominion line). It also owns controlling interest in Fred Leyland & Co., Ltd. (Leyland line), and the shipping business of Ismay, Imrie & Co., and Richards, Mills & Co. Atlantic Transport Company controls National Steamship Company, Ltd.

The company has outstanding \$51,730,071 6 per cent cumulative preferred and \$49,931,736 common. No dividends have been paid on the common, and accumulated dividends to end Dec. 31, 1914, amounted to 72 per cent.

There are also outstanding \$52,744,000 20-year, collateral trust 4½ bonds issued Oct. 1, 1902; \$18,343,000 International Navigation Company first sinking fund 6 per cent bonds dated Feb. 1, 1905, and due Feb. 1, 1930; \$78,000 British and

North Atlantic Steam Navigation 4½ per cent and 5 per cent debentures, and \$1,125,000 Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., 4½ per cent first mortgage debentures. Not included in general balance sheet, but outstanding, are \$314,700 Leyland line first mortgage debenture 4s. and \$233,925 National Steamship 5 per cent registered debentures.

Balance sheet of Dec. 31, 1914, showed a total cost of properties, after all allowances and depreciation, of \$109,449,150. Depreciation reserve was \$22,873,100. Investments in other companies, notably Leyland & Co., were \$15,217,174, only a slight change over 1913. Debenture bonds of constituent companies held over by the public were \$5,502,055 on Dec. 31, 1913, compared with \$4,431,000 on Dec. 31, 1912.

At conclusion of operations in 1913 the company had 124 ships in operation, with total gross tonnage of 1,113,861. It had under construction 14 vessels which would add 239,375 gross tons. International Mercantile Marine has not yet reported results for 1914. In 1913 the company made a good showing in north Atlantic freight and passenger service, with profits substantially greater than preceding year. Skeletonized income account, reduced to per-ton comparison, showed as follows:

	Total	Per ton
Gross earnings	\$40,941,388	\$44.11
Operating expenses	9,567,047	10.30
Fixed charges	2,850,088	3.08
Surplus	27,524,253	29.73
Depreciation	5,401,367	5.85
1912—		
Gross earnings	\$43,725,008	\$46.94
Operating expenses	7,597,324	8.27
Fixed charges	3,787,911	4.10
Surplus	32,339,773	34.57
Depreciation	3,655,378	3.95

UNITED FRUIT EARNINGS ARE NOW GAINING

February Said to Have Marked Turning Point for Better in Company's Profits—Net Grows to Extent of \$700,000

United Fruit Company earnings have been improving during the last few weeks. February marked the turn for the better in fruit operations and recorded a comparative increase of \$350,000. March has gone February one better and the month as a whole will show a betterment in net profits from fruit importations of more than \$450,000. The six months' period of fruit operations to April 1 has, therefore, resulted in a showing of fruit earnings which would have been deemed almost impossible back in October and November.

Taking the company's business as a whole, net profits up to April 1 will show a gain of \$700,000 over the first half of the fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, 1914. This means that the combination of fruit, sugar and passenger and light earnings is this much to the good. This is better than it seems for the reason that fruit has been invoiced this season at high prices and at figures which have resulted in accumulation of a very large profit at the tropical divisions. This profit has not been taken up in the comparative figure of \$700,000 mentioned.

A feature of the United Fruit income account is the fact that the English business seems to have turned the corner. The English company is now making net money which promises to increase materially as warmer weather approaches.

The proposition which United Fruit Company has agreed to accept to cancel \$1,000,000 of its Nipe Bay common provided the holders of the present \$2,000,000 Nipe preferred agree to convert their stock into common, is meeting with very general acceptance. To date the holders of more than 90 per cent of Nipe Bay preferred have consented to the exchange and the plan looks decidedly propitious at the moment. If the consolidation of Nipe Bay Company stocks becomes a fact, it is said, there is no doubt that the issue can immediately go on a 6 per cent and later an 8 per cent dividend basis. In season and out, as an average of years, Nipe Bay could afford to pay 8 per cent on its \$4,500,000 capital stock.

EDISON ELECTRIC OF BROOKLYN HAS FAVORABLE YEAR

NEW YORK—Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn reports for year ended Dec. 31 last:

	1914	1913
Operating revenue	\$6,244,383	\$5,856,153
Operating expenses	73,817	72,119
Operating surplus	\$6,170,566	\$5,784,034
Operating revenue	\$534,677	\$537,319
Operating expenses	48,029	47,437
Operating surplus	\$486,648	\$489,882
Operating revenue	\$874,214	\$869,322
Operating expenses	13,554	10,904
Operating surplus	\$860,660	\$858,418
Operating revenue	\$10,730,512	\$10,258,268
Operating expenses	1,285,383	1,199,430
Operating surplus	\$9,445,129	\$9,058,838

HORN SILVER MINING REPORTS

NEW YORK—The Horn Silver Mining Company makes this report for year ended Dec. 31 last:

	1914	1913
Total income	\$206,280	\$175,000
Operating expenses	175,000	175,000
Balance	29,280	0
New York expenses	15,680	15,680
Profit	13,600	13,600

FINANCIAL NOTES

Wheat shipments from North America last week were nearly 11,000,000 bushels, while 3,000,000 bushels of corn and 3,500,000 bushels of oats were also exported.

One proposition for reorganization of Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway which is receiving favorable consideration is issuance of \$90,000,000 new preferred stock, \$10,000,000 each year for the next three years. New shares are to be offered to stockholders of both Rock Island company and the railway company.

From March 10 to March 31 the United States war risk bureau issued 21 policies. The amount insured was \$2,874,000 and the premiums amounted to \$45,570. The average value of insurance written in the six months from Sept. 1 to March 1 was more than \$40,000 a month, while the total for the month of March was less than \$30,000.

President Sanderson of International Mercantile Marine says receivership will not interrupt traffic. Business will be continued as heretofore. Some bondholders have been in conference to devise plan of protection. German ship owners were in negotiation for control of company some time before war. Westminster Gazette says owners would not meet Germans' terms.

GREAT WESTERN'S LOADINGS

CHICAGO—Great Western road's March loading loss of more than 10 per cent was mostly in commercial coal and to a degree in grain and flour. The freight traffic situation at the moment appears stationary.

RAY CONSOLIDATED COPPER COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

The sixth annual report of Ray Consolidated Copper Company shows net profits of \$2,395,623 from 1914 operations, equivalent to \$1.64 a share compared with \$1.84 in previous year and \$1.30 a share in 1912.

The cost per pound was \$7.63 cents compared with 9.788 cents in previous year and 9.828 cents in 1912. On Dec. 31, 1914, there were outstanding 1,454,929 shares of capital stock and \$2,708,000 of bonds, an increase of 4370 shares during the year, 4300 shares of which were issued in conversion of bonds, and the remaining 70 shares in exchange for stock of the Ray Central Copper Mining Company.

A charge of \$243,398 is made against general income, for bond sinking fund purposes. Since the close of the year \$220,500 per value of bonds have been purchased below 110.

STANDING OF THE CLEARING HOUSE BANKS OF BOSTON

The individual legal and actual reserves of the Boston national banks, members of the clearing house, are appended:

	Legal	Actual	Percentage
Union	25.56	30.06	21.46
Old Boston	15.7	19.2	18.5
Fourth National	18.9	23.3	18.2
Mechanics	18.0	24.4	18.4
Second	20.7	29.4	20.2
Shawmut	22.2	30.9	20.0
Webster & Atlas	17.5	19.7	17.9
Bay State	16.0	19.1	16.7
Fifth	22.8	32.3	22.1
Security	24.9	31.1	25.7
Winthrop	28.5	30.9	22.0
Commercial	19.8	27.8	18.1
Average	20.0	28.3	20.3

Average legal reserve is 3 per cent lower and average actual reserve 1.1 per cent lower than a week ago. Eight of the 12 banks are stronger than last week in legal reserve and nine in actual reserve. No bank is below the 15 per cent requirement, compared with none below last week.

LONDON'S EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON—Exports from London to the United States during the first quarter of 1915 at \$32,202,999, compared with \$33,819,445 for the first quarter last year. Exports of rubber were \$13,882,729, against \$9,177,126; wool, \$2,370,964, against \$1,117,527; tin, \$1,430,075, against \$3,819,228; precious stones \$2,048,024, against \$1,230,275; works of art, \$1,338,252, against \$5,678,458. The total for March, 1915, was \$114,049,412.

ATCHISON ROAD'S REPORT ON CROPS

CHICAGO—Atchison Road's weekly crop report is generally favorable. Kansas and Oklahoma wheat acreage is above last year's record. Soil in Southwest is fairly moist. Texas pushes corn planting with the dry weather. The only damage is to fruit in east Texas. Elsewhere fruit is in splendid shape although late deciduous fruit is now in full bloom.

SHOE BUYERS

(Compiled by The Christian Science Monitor.)
Among the boot and shoe dealers and leather buyers in Boston are the following:

Hatfield—H. W. Strauss of Baltimore; Hargrave House, Adams.
Chicago—H. Messner of Montgomery Ward & Co.; H. Summers at 221 N. La Salle; Chicago—S. Solomon of Siegel, Cooper & Co.; U. S.
Chicago—W. J. Corbett of C. W. Marks; Thorne.
Havana—Cuba—L. Vazquez; U. S.
Knorrville, Penn.—J. E. Deoley and W. R. Billard of Henninger Doyle Shoe Co.; U. S.
Philadelphia—A. C. McGowan of John Wannamaker; Tour.
Philadelphia—J. J. Taylor; U. S.
Philadelphia—S. Berger; U. S.
Philadelphia—S. Cohn of Berg Bros.; U. S.
Pittsburgh—Joe Glaser of Kaufman Bros.; U. S.
Porto Rico—Roque Gonzalez; U. S.
Porto Rico—Jose B. Alvarez; U. S.
Baltimore—S. M. Chambers; U. S.

LEATHER BUYERS
Smyrna, Turkey—Mr. Roussou of Roussou & Danon, Essex.
Montreal, Van.—A. Sauts; U. S.
Rochester, N. Y.—A. C. Hatch; U. S.
(The New England Shoe and Leather Association cordially invites all visiting buyers to call at its headquarters and free information bureau, 100 Essex st., Boston. The Christian Science Monitor is on file.)

RETAIL GROCERIES

Current retail grocery prices in Boston, which may vary according to locality, follow:

Flour—Bread flour \$9@9.50 bbl., \$1.15 @1.20 bag; pastry, \$8.25 bbl., \$1.05 bag.
Butter—Print, 39@42c lb.; tub, 37@40c lb.
Eggs—Fancy brown, 34@36c doz; fresh laid Maine and New Hampshire, 29@31c doz; fresh western firsts, 23@25c doz.
Sugar—Granulated, 6½¢ per single lb., 6.20¢ per pound in 100-lb. bags.
Beans—York state pea, 13¢ qt; \$1.70 pk; medium pea, 14¢ qt, \$1.10 pk; \$1.10 pk; 14¢ qt, \$1.10 pk; yellow eye, 14¢ qt, \$1.10 pk; red kidney, 15¢ qt, \$1.25 pk.
Potatoes—New 12½¢ qt, \$1.10 pk; Maine, 15¢ pk, 60c bu; 18.20 per 2-bu bag; selected, 30c pk, \$1.40 bu.
Oranges—California navel, 25¢@40c doz; Florida, 25¢@40c; tangerines, 35c.
Strawberries—Southern, 40¢@50c box.

NEW HAVEN LOAN SYNDICATE

It is understood that the \$30,000,000 New Haven road loan syndicate will include J. P. Morgan & Co., National City Bank and First National Bank of New York.

BUSINESS IN WEST MOVES CAUTIOUSLY

Improvement Has Made Further Progress, Although Pace Slow—General Conditions Do Not Change Much—Other Phases

CHICAGO—General business throughout the West shows no particular change over recent weeks, although it may be said that the improvement shown recently has made slow but further gains in nearly all lines of trade. Despite all the favorable signs in monetary affairs and the creation of a great trade balance in favor of this country, business interests are moving with the same extreme caution as since the beginning of the new year, and economy is the watchword in every direction.

Loading reports of the western railroads during the past week indicated a tonnage of from 5 to 10 per cent under a year ago and as compared with the earlier weeks of the present year. This is accounted for by the lighter grain shipments which in January and February were on an enormous scale and larger during that period than for many years.

The grain export trade, together with the disposition of farmers to hold their produce, has caused the railroads to lose an immense volume of tonnage of this kind. Merchandise tonnage is holding up well, however, and indicates that there is a demand from the interior for practically all products of that nature.

It is pointed out that the farmers throughout the West are in splendid financial condition, owing to the fact that country banks made them curtail credits during the past two or three years by refusing to loan funds for the purpose of buying land or land speculation. The result is that the farmer has been taught a lesson in economy and now has generally speaking plenty of money on hand to meet his requirements in the way of merchandise of various descriptions.

The commercial paper market would seem to indicate that there is no incentive to the average business man to expand with conditions as they are at present, for the reason that nearly all interests prefer to keep within present limitations of plant capacity, at least until the end of the war. For this reason very little paper is coming upon the market. The extreme limit of the western market is represented by a range of 3½ and 4½ per cent, though now and then some bank is found willing to bid a lower rate for especially choice paper with which it is fully acquainted.

Country bankers are reported not to be interested to any great extent in the commercial paper market below 4 per cent, although the banks in the larger financial districts are full of deposits of country banks. April dividends and disbursements have not brought any appreciable hardening of money rates in the western markets.

The western iron and steel trade continues to show improvement, this larger interests being optimistic concerning the future, and orders at the present time are in liberal volume, although prices are not exactly as desired, there having been shadings in a number of the various products. The railroads have not come into the market for the expected volume of rails, although orders in structural lines and finished shapes of one kind or another have kept the mills fairly busy. The average of capacity is now about 70 per cent.

The dry goods trade is giving a good account of itself. According to leading authorities there are indications of a good fall trade in many lines. Manufacturers of domestic products are looking for a heavy demand on account of foreign dress goods being out of the market, and there is a legitimate cause for advances and prospects of a scarcity of desirable merchandise thereon.

These facts, appreciated by merchants from the interior and elsewhere, are causing the demand for immediate delivery on many of the staple dress fabrics which buyers know will be higher later in the season. Men on the road have secured good orders of late, and collections are said to be improving steadily.

Railroads operating eastward from Chicago and St. Louis report a volume of tonnage slightly in excess of a year ago, and officials report that much new tonnage is beginning to develop in the territory covered by these roads. The improvement in the steel industry as well as in other manufacturing enterprises has begun to show favorably for these lines. A vast amount of manufactured produce has been and is being moved to the seaboard for export purposes. Interchange of domestic business is also improved.

Westbound traffic has not recovered its former volume and is still about 18 per cent under a year ago.

Officials of southern lines report traffic 5 to 8 per cent under a year ago. Indications are said to be for a slow growth in business in southern sections.

CLEARING HOUSE

New York funds sold at the clearing house today at par.

Exchanges and balances for today compare with the totals for the corresponding period last year as follows:

	1914	1913
Tuesday	195	195
Exchanges	\$74,475,163	\$33,193,021
Balances	1,282,494	1,743,497

United States sub-treasury shows debit balance at the clearing house today of \$900.

STEEL CORPORATION HEAD STATES PRESENT PROBLEMS

Elbert H. Gary Lays Stress on Need of Cooperation and Coordination as Opposed to Misunderstandings, Criticism and Disregard for Public Welfare

NEW YORK—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, in a copyrighted article in the Market World says in part:

Never before within our memory has there been a time when so many problems fundamental to true progress presented themselves. These problems call for expert examination, clear thought and sober judgment. They are not merely the problems directly arising from the disturbance and distress occasioned all over the world by the great struggle now going on in Europe, though these alone are perhaps the greatest problems with which mankind has ever had to deal.

The problems I specifically mean, however, are larger even than these; they reach into the future. They have to do with the whole scheme of the organization of society and its interests, especially as regards those things that must always primarily concern the great majority of men and women, namely, the industry, commerce and other activities which form the basis of this individual and social welfare and which enable them to be efficient, both individually and also socially and politically. Here in the United States, particularly, we are in more than one sense at a parting of the ways. We are all naturally preoccupied at the moment with the restoration of the national prosperity, which has been interrupted by the operation of the new tariff, by the great war and by other causes. The war itself is making it clear that the real question is larger than this. We want prosperity, but we want it solid and enduring. We want to make sure that while our free institutions are maintained in a more vigorous condition than ever, we do not get out of step with the onward progress of the world and thus fail to hold our own with nations that may be learning the secrets of progress faster and better than we are.

Correct decisions leading to just action during the next few critical years will mean much to the solidity and permanence of this republic. The continuance of misunderstandings, of mutual criticism, and of working at cross purposes among the men and groups of men who are shaping our destinies, may serve to carry us into errors from which a full recovery may not be possible. I may quote here what I said recently in another connection:

The tendency of the times during the last few years seems to have been opposed to business progress. This has been shown in publications, utterances of public speakers, introduction of many vicious bills into the legislative branches of government, the passage of some unfavorable laws, and in some instances, a disposition to go beyond reason and justice in the effort to administer the laws.

The reason for these adverse conditions has been partly the fault of the business men. We have become more or less careless in management, indifferent to the rights and interests of others, regardless of our responsibilities toward those for whom we have become trustees, as directors, officials, or otherwise, and unkindly for the general public welfare. I make no personal reference. All of us failed to measure fully up to our obligations.

Many of those who criticized were actuated by the best of motives, others by the desire for notoriety or individual advancement. The effect was bad and in many instances not justified. The great war, which is now shaking Europe and the world has served to arouse many dormant intellectual and moral forces, not the least among which are the forces of economic and political analysis. Behind the clash of armies, trained economists and students of the welfare of nations perceive world problems, whose working out, successfully or unsuccessfully, will determine the future of all peoples, whether now included among the belligerents or not. The issues are not merely the victory or defeat of the one or the other group of these belligerents, but great fundamental principles of human progress. The financial and commercial convulsion of the whole world at the outbreak of the war; the sudden and painful discovery that even nations at peace and remote from the conflict must, by a strong and dependable coordination of their own affairs, be prepared for the difficulties arising from such a conflict—these and other impressive lessons of the war in Europe have stirred thinking men everywhere to reconsider their vague and often merely traditional ideas of what is good for peoples, taken either collectively or individually. Probably there is now a consensus of opinion, among those whose judgment is worth having, that "after the war is concluded it will no longer be possible for a great nation to go on in a happy-go-lucky way, with no common purposes and aims, if it desires to remain a permanent force in the world, holding its place in the vanguard of progress."

Fundamentally, I believe this war was made possible by the failure of men and women constituting great populations to insist upon the application, in respect to their economic activities and interests, of the simple Christian principles of mutual forbearance and cooperation which they avowed as a religious or social creed.

A nation is an aggregation of individuals. Its standards reflect the ideals of the active majority of its people. If this active majority is not coordinated

and united, if it knows nothing of the cooperation of citizen with citizen, class with class—if, in short, it is simply a great undisciplined, unruly, selfish and bickering family—then the nation can hardly be depended upon to act with singleness or loftiness of purpose, whether in a great emergency, or in its continuous daily development of its prosperity.

GOOD REPORTS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS CITIES

WASHINGTON—One day's business summary issued by the commerce department today, included:

Pittsburgh—President Williams of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers reports country-wide iron and tin mill revival.

Leading Events in College, School and Club Athletics

PLAY CONTINUES TODAY IN COURT TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Boston Wins All of the First-Day Matches. Only One of Which Goes to More Than Four Sets of Play

Play continues today in the national court tennis championship tournament of 1915 on the courts of the Boston Tennis and Racquet Club. Payma Whitney was scheduled to meet G. W. Wightman in the first match of the morning, with G. H. Brooke facing G. S. Derby in the other morning match. Only one match is scheduled for the afternoon, that bringing Philip Stockton against C. S. Cutting.

Wightman and Derby were awarded their matches this morning when it was announced that Whitney and Brooke would not appear to play. This caused considerable disappointment as both of the winning players were among the best in the tournament.

Boston made a clean sweep of the three matches which were contested on the opening day, Monday, and at least two of them furnished surprises. C. T. Russell by defeating R. V. Gambrell of the Randolph County, Cambridge, in three straight sets, carried the first.

J. A. L. Blake, also of the Boston Tennis and Racquet Club, furnished the second surprise when he defeated W. H. T. Huhn of the Philadelphia Racquet and Tennis Club, Huhn, with Jay Gould, hold the doubles championship of the United States, and it was expected that the Philadelphia would go well through the present singles tournament. Blake played good court tennis and the match was a hard-fought one. Huhn started out by winning the first set at 5-6, but the next three went to the Boston player and with them the match.

D. P. Rhodes, also of the Boston Tennis and Racquet Club, won the other match played Monday, when he defeated Edgar Scott of the Philadelphia Racquet and Tennis Club, 3 sets to 2. This was the longest match of the day. Rhodes won the first, second and fifth sets and appeared to win them quite easily, allowing his opponent only five games in the three sets. The third and fourth went to the Philadelphia at 5-6 each.

FIRST ROUND
D. P. Rhodes, Boston Tennis and Racquet Club, defeated Edgar Scott, Philadelphia Racquet and Tennis Club, 6-2, 6-2, 5-6, 6-4, 6-1.
J. A. L. Blake, Boston Tennis and Racquet Club, defeated W. H. T. Huhn, Philadelphia Racquet and Tennis Club, 5-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
G. W. Wightman, Boston Athletic Association, defeated Payne Whitney, New York Tennis and Racquet Club, by default.
G. S. Derby, Boston Tennis and Racquet Club, defeated G. H. Brooke, Philadelphia Racquet and Tennis Club, by default.

NEW ORLEANS BEATS NEW YORK GIANTS

NEW ORLEANS—New York Giants encountered another obstacle here Monday in the New Orleans club, and met their second defeat in as many days, 6 to 1. The Giants were able to get but four hits off the combined deliveries of Bagby and Smith, who worked for New Orleans, while Fromme and Kirmayer were easy for the local batters.

WASHINGTON 4, PHILADELPHIA 0
WASHINGTON—Washington shut out the Philadelphia Nationals here Monday, 4 to 0. Washington got seven hits and Moran's men only four. Philadelphia made two errors. The batteries were: Harper, Johnson and Williams, Ainsmith for Washington; and Alexander, Mayer and Killifer for Philadelphia.

N. Y. AMERICANS WIN 5-1
ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—Piech and Caldwell did the pitching for the New York Americans in the game against Rocky Mount here Monday afternoon, and the locals met defeat by the score of 5 to 1. Cree, the New York center fielder, made three hits in four times to the plate, one being a home run.

WASHINGTON AND LEE WINS
LEXINGTON, Va.—Washington and Lee shut out Cornell University, 6 to 0, Monday afternoon. Cornell secured only two hits off Jennings. The W. & L. men could not hit Johnson during the four innings he pitched. Reagan gave Washington the game in the seventh by his poor control.

CINCINNATI BEATS DAYTON
DAYTON, O.—Benton held Dayton to five scattered hits here Monday while Cincinnati bunched hits and won by a score of 10 to 0.

WASHINGTON FENCERS' CLUB WINS THE SALTUS TROPHY

NEW YORK—Washington Fencers Club is today holding the J. Sanford Saltus trophy for duelling sword competition, furthering its victory at the Fencers Club Monday evening. The final round brought together the Boston A. A. representatives and those of the Washington association, and the latter won over the players from the Bay state by a score of 4 to 3. In the first round the New York A. C. team was defeated by the score of 4 to 1 after a 4-to-4 tie had made necessary a second fencing

TRIVERS ISLAND IS ALL READY FOR AMATEUR SHOOT

New York Athletic Club Has Made Many Changes Which Will Help the Amateurs

NEW YORK—Many changes have been made by the New York Athletic Club at its grounds on Travers island and the amateur trap shooters who take part in the tenth annual championship tournament of America there April 30 and May 1 will find things much better suited for the championship event than ever before. Over \$50,000 has been spent by the club.

In addition to other changes the old shooting house which is situated at the edge of Pelham bay has been enlarged, and now is used by the shooters in preference to the big clubhouse on the island. It has been handsomely furnished in a manner that appeals to the eye of gunners. Four sets of traps have been used throughout the winter at Travers island. As a result, the New York Athletic Club has been able to handle an unusually large number of gunners each Saturday. It has been no uncommon thing to have more than 50 on the firing line.

All this has wonderfully helped the sport, and indications point to the shoot at the end of the month being the largest ever held for the important title. G. J. Corbett, who has had full charge of the shooting at Travers island this winter, will try an innovation at the big shoot which is expected to facilitate matters.

"It has been the custom in former years," says Mr. Corbett, "to shoot all the even squads in traps No. 1 and No. 2, and all the odd squads on traps No. 3 and 4. It quite often happened that one of the squads would finish long before the other. It would hold them up for quite some little while, as the squads could not swing from one trap to another until all the gunners had finished on their respective traps.

"This year I am going to divide the squads into companies of five, squads each and let the companies shoot together. In this matter I should save several hours in handling a big field. The first company will be made up of squads No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. In the second company will be squads No. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. The next five squads will make up the next company, and so on until all squads have been put into companies.

"At the start of the shoot the first four companies will take to the traps and will interchange at the end of the first string of 'birds.' In this manner we should wonderfully facilitate matters and save considerable time. I expect at least 200 gunners at Travers island for the amateur championship."

BOSTON PLAYS AT LOUISVILLE

LOUISVILLE—The Boston Americans are scheduled to meet the Louisville team here this afternoon in the first of a series of three practice games and the Red Sox are confident of winning them all following the splendid showing the team has made on its trip to date.

Boston closed its Memphis series Monday by taking the third game 10 to 5 and thus making it three straight. Foster and Ruth pitched for the winners and held Memphis to four hits. Merritt, Keeley and Morrison pitched for Memphis and were easy for the Red Sox batsmen, who made 16 hits.

BESCHER TO JOIN MILLER HUGGINS

ST. LOUIS—Robert Beschler will play in the St. Louis National outfield in the fifth game of the spring series next Saturday, according to announcement made by Manager Miller Huggins on his return Monday from Little Rock. Huggins refused to add to this statement. Both Americans and Nationals had light workouts Monday afternoon.

With the American league season opening less than 10 days away, Manager Branch Rickey has not a single pitcher ready to take his turn in the box. Carl Wellman is in the best condition, but even he is far from ready for the start.

GEORGETOWN BEATS PRINCETON

WASHINGTON—Princeton met a strong opponent in Georgetown here Monday, being beaten 5 to 4, after making 4 runs in the opening inning. Thompson, who started to pitch for Georgetown, was taken from the box after two were out in the opening inning. Finnegan, who replaced him, proved a puzzle. Torney, the Georgetown captain, hit one over the fence in the fourth.

of the team match. The Fencers Club, too, was eliminated in the first round by the Boston team, the score being 4 to 3.

The Washington Fencers Club team was composed of J. A. MacLaughlin, Dr. S. D. Breckenridge and C. L. Bovet. The other teams were: Boston A. A.—Dr. F. W. Allen, F. Schenck and W. Russell. Fencers Club—Paul Meylan, Dr. D. W. Cairns and Stedford Pitt. New York A. C.—Sherman Hall, V. Curdi and P. A. Curtis.

COLLEGES LOOK FOR CLOSE RACE IN CONFERENCE

University of Illinois Looms Up as Most Likely Winner of Western Title With Chicago a Serious Rival for Honors

Special to The Christian Science Monitor from its Chicago Bureau

CHICAGO—This year's pennant race in the western conference promises to be one of the hardest fought of several seasons, provided the University of Illinois is not too strong to dampen things by steady winning. The University of Chicago has a big league pitcher and a substantial hitting team. The University of Wisconsin has nearly all of its regulars back, and the Indiana University is reported to have a splendid nine. The Indians last year gave Illinois its worst defeat of years.

With nearly all of its regulars back and several of them fighting hard to retain their positions against splendid new comers, Illinois looms up as usual, the most formidable contender for "Big Nine" honors. Coach Huff has the same fast lot of fielders that he always has and in addition a pitching staff of half a dozen or more, any one of whom would be greeted with open arms in every other institution in the conference. In addition the team is now enjoying the advantages of a long trip through the South which returns it for the opening of the conference in better shape than most of the major league professional teams.

Splendid material and lots of it; the best of college coaching; early outdoor practice and then a southern training trip—these advantages each year combine to give the Illini a quick start on the short baseball schedule of 12 championship games. Judging by these tokens and the condition of the other conference squads, it must be said that Coach Huff's men appear to have the best of their rivals this spring. But so it seemed of Coach Stagg's football team at the start of last season.

Of all the games played in the West this spring, not excluding the professional contests, none will be so interesting as the clashes between the Illini and the Maroons, it is expected. In Bradley the Illini have a big league catcher and in Des Jardien the Maroons have a big league pitcher. Both squads will be hitting extra well for college teams and their meetings should develop into the best college exhibitions of years.

Indiana and Wisconsin are apt to cut in very materially on any pre-season estimates. The former had a fine lot of batters last year and a good pitching staff. They fought hard, but lost a number of games by one run. With this experience they may turn the scales in their favor this spring. Wisconsin has the advantage of a seasoned nine, having lost only a few of its regulars. In the opinion of Coach Page of Chicago both of these teams are very much to be considered in the race. Coach McGill of Northwestern, last year with Illinois, comments highly on the class of ball the Indiana men put up in defeating the Illini 13-2 in their only game. George Mullin of Detroit is coaching the Indiana pitchers before his season opens.

Two strong basketball men, Cherry and Graf, will be mainstays of the Ohio State ball team this spring and may help O. S. U. to spring another surprise such as last year's when they defeated Chicago 6-1. This school is apt at any time, it seems, to beat the best of them.

Minnesota was hard to beat last year, Coaches Murphy and McGill of Northwestern remark, although the team did not look like ball players. In Roen they had a first-class left-handed pitcher but he is not back this year. Thomas, first baseman of the Detroit, is now regular coach at Minnesota, Dr. Cook having dropped baseball.

Much more can be expected of Northwestern this year than in the past several seasons. The game has slumped after for a number of years at Evanston and four seasons ago was nearly dropped. The establishment of Murphy and McGill has aroused the student body to new enthusiasm and the squad is working hard to produce a worthy nine. In pitching it appears the purple will be strong, and weak behind the bat. If Murphy can make a rather green lot of players into a workable machine, Northwestern may do well in the race.

Captain Evans is shifted to the outfield from third and Hightower takes his place, the only old man in the infield.

Iowa does not look like a formidable contender this spring. Kent, a Brooklyn pitcher, is reported coaching the nine. Little has been heard from Purdue.

Coming back for a moment to the leaders, Illinois started its southern trip with the following lineup: Bradley, catcher; Bane, first base; Cogdal, captain; second; Clark, shortstop; Krebs, third base; Arbuckle, Russ and Graves, outfielders; Stiles, utility; and Gunkel, Halas, Hill, Davis and Erickson, pitchers. The only regular missing is McRobie. Clark of the football team has worked himself in at short. The three last named pitchers are sophomores. The team is better than it was last year and most of the men on it have one or two years left, so that next year's ought to be still stronger. Chicago's lineup will be unfamiliar, some of last year's regulars being switched to other positions and a number of them missing altogether. That work



CAPT. PAUL INGHAM '15
State University of Iowa

is said to be a worthy successor to Captain Mann behind the bat. Des Jardien is expected to do better than last year when he pitched his first ball after the start of the season. Captain Gray, Cavin, McConnell, Cole, George and several others are doing well with the bat in early practice. Apparently the Maroons have not as strong a machine as last year, but one which gives evidence now of winning many games.

BIG ENTRY FOR SOUTHERN CROSS CUPS AT AIKEN

AIKEN, S. C.—There were 48 entries Monday in the qualifying round for the Southern Cross cups in the twentieth annual golf tournament at the Palmetto Golf Club. The first eight will play for the Southern Cross cup and the remaining 40 will play for the Aiken cup in handicap match play. Those qualifying and the way they will play today by the draw last night is as follows:

Oliver Perin with E. A. Thompson, Gouverneur Morris with J. F. Byers, W. H. Sands with Gordon Douglas, E. M. Byers with C. W. Dolan.

Others playing in the qualifying round were: F. O. Beach, George Singer, H. Topping, H. R. Winthrop, George Bird, Adrian Iselin, 2d, Prescott Metcalf, W. P. Thompson, F. R. Hitecock, John Magee, Guy Norman, J. D. Kuser, C. T. Emmet, W. R. Lewis, R. A. Mackay, E. W. Jewett, Anthony Kuser, Charles Bohlen, Harry La Montagne, J. F. Talmadge, J. C. Thaw, C. W. Yule, Lawrence Waterbury, J. C. Tappin, Thomas Hitecock, Garriek Mallory, Sir Thomas Tait, Dr. E. R. Campbell, Richard Howe, W. A. Flagg, G. I. Scott, Lawrence Perin, Dr. W. Biddle, George von L. Meyer, Oliver Iselin, Jr., and R. B. Lanier.

CARLISLE BEATS CORNELL SQUAD

CARLISLE, Pa.—Cornell University was defeated here at Iacrosse Monday afternoon by the Carlisle Indians in an event which showed both teams well advanced for an early season contest. The Carlisle team won, 6 to 2, with the score favoring Cornell, 2 to 1, at the end of the first half.

Carlisle throughout played much the better game, having the ball in their opponent's territory fully two thirds of the time. The Carlisle men opened with poor offense. For Carlisle Martell played his first game, while Crow, Oaks and Broker were easily the stars. Miller's goal tending was adept. For Cornell Spiegelberg, Grimes, Taylor and Collins featured, while Bush's goal tending was the best seen here.

YALE AND PENN START SERIES

BALTIMORE, Md.—Yale and the University of Pennsylvania meet here this afternoon in the first of their championship baseball games of 1915 and a close contest is expected.

Yale defeated Holy Cross here Monday 2 to 1. With the score tied, Rally started the final inning by making a three-base hit to center and scored with the winning run a minute later when L. Middlebrook singled to right. Both Way and Wallace pitched good ball. Wallace's triple and Lork's single gave Holy Cross its only run in the fifth.

BETHLEHEM IS IN THE FINAL ROUND

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa.—Bethlehem qualified Monday for the final round of the soccer competition for the national challenge cup, defeating Homestead on the Lehigh University field, 4 goals to 1. Homestead played a plucky game, but showed poor combination of their missing players.

ROBESON MEETS TOPPING TODAY IN FINAL ROUND

Championship of the United North and South Golf Tournament of 1915 Will Be Played for Between These Players

PINEHURST, N. C.—F. E. Robeson of Pawling school meets H. J. Topping of Greenwich here today in the final round of the first division of the annual championship United North and South golf tournament and the winner will receive the chief trophy of the tournament as well as the championship title. Robeson is the youngest player who has yet competed for the title and he is showing some remarkably fine golf.

Robeson qualified for the final on Monday when he defeated Robert Hunter of Weeburn by 2 and 1. Hunter won the first and third holes in 4 each and he missed a putt on the fourth to halve in 4. Robeson took the next hole in 4, where Hunter recorded 6, halved the sixth in 4, won the seventh in 6, where Hunter laid himself a stylin, and halved the eighth and ninth in 4 and 3, to make the turn 1 up with a medal score of 40 to 41.

A missed putt cost Hunter the tenth in 5. Robeson's fine third resulted in a 5 to 6 win. Robeson won the eleventh, but was in the rough again on the twelfth and his second was short, but the third was splendid and the hole was won in 4 to 5. Robeson's drive on the thirteenth cost him the hole. Hunter made a fine recovery from a trapped second and went down in 5.

Hunter's fourteenth tee shot was in the rough, with Robeson straight down the course. Hunter's second shot was short and likewise his third, but Robeson was off the course to the right on his second and did well to halve in 5.

An over approach cost Robeson the fifteenth, where Hunter recorded a winning 3 and the sixteenth was halved in 5. On the seventeenth hole high and just off the green, Robeson at the right and Hunter at the left. Hunter's second gave Robeson an advantage which he failed to embrace and Hunter hit the cup on his third, Robeson taking two putts for a halve in 4 and 2 and 1 win.

Topping and Sullivan, Jr. made the turn in 43 and 45, with the Greenwich player two holes to the good, which advantage he held to the end. The summary:

First division, semi-final—H. J. Topping, Greenwich, beat E. F. E. Robeson, Pawling, 2 and 1; F. E. Robeson, Pawling, beat Robert Hunter, Weeburn, 2 and 1. Consolation, semi-final—J. C. Parrish, Jr., National, won from Max Behr, Baltusrol, by default; H. K. Kerr, Elwanok, won from E. A. Hamilton, National, by default. Second division, semi-final—J. C. H. Gardner, Agawam, beat M. F. O'Connell, Alphen, 3 and 2; Dr. W. E. Code, Chestnut field, won from I. S. Holden, Cincinnati, by default.

Third division, semi-final—J. D. Standish, Jr., Detroit, won from W. H. Faust, Buffalo, by default; C. H. Baner, Overbrook, beat N. S. Hurd, Pittsburgh, 6 and 5.

Fourth division, semi-final—E. M. Tait, Woodland, beat E. T. Wood, Buffalo, 2 and 1; R. A. Baile, South Shore, beat Deibel, 4 and 3.

Fifth division, semi-final—G. R. Harvey, Hamilton, won from J. A. Fowles, Oakmont, by default; S. A. Hennessey, Lexington, won from C. L. Letcher, Lexington, by default.

Sixth division, semi-final—A. B. Lyon, Woodland, won from T. R. Richardson, Leominster, by default; J. H. Herring, New York, won from H. C. Fowles, 2nd, Oakmont, by default.

Seventh division, semi-final—F. C. Imann, Piping Rock, won from E. H. Boyd, Shenandoah, by default; J. V. Sayle, Willowick, by default.

Eighth division, semi-final—H. L. Putnam, won from W. M. Briggs, both defaulted; T. Silsion won from H. L. Scott by default.

BRAVES TO PLAY AT GREENSBORO

GREENSBORO, N. C.—The Boston Nationals play here this afternoon in a practice game with the local team, and it is expected that there will be a good attendance on hand to take a look at the world's champions. Baseball fans in this city have been looking forward to this game with much interest, and they plan to give the Braves a fine welcome.

Charlotte furnished little opposition to the Braves Monday, the world's champions winning by 13 to 1. Rudolph and Hughes pitched for the winners and the one run was made off the first-named. Ingle, Robinson and Geane pitched for Charlotte and offered little opposition to the Boston batters. Gwidy furnished the batting features when he made a home run with the bases filled.

CLEVELAND WINS FROM BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Cleveland Americans and Birmingham played a brilliant exhibition game here Monday, Cleveland winning, 4 to 2. Although outbatted, Cleveland hits came together, whereas Birmingham's hits were scattered. Turner led at the bat with a home run. Steen pitched in good form. Birmingham made three costly errors. The batteries were Steen, Combs and O'Neill; Roth, Hardgrove and Hale.

CHICAGO AMERICANS WIN EASILY
MARSHAL, Tex.—Nobody prouted to any extent by the Chicago Americans one-day stand here Monday. Chicago made a 12 to 4 score against an aggregation in which the only men who looked like ball players were Wolfgang and Daly, whom Manager Rowland loaned to the opposition.

BOWLERS START TOURNAMENT FOR NATIONAL TITLE

Championships Being Held in Grand Central Palace, New York—Canadian Teams Lead

NEW YORK—Bowling continues today in the annual championship tournament of the National Bowling Association, which opened at the Grand Central Palace Monday evening. Three Canadian teams led at the end of the opening session. Six five-men teams competed, New York representatives finishing fourth and sixth, while the fifth was obtained by Newark.

The result of the first night's bowling was very gratifying to the management, and it was freely predicted that the existing records, which are all held by the national association, will be shattered before the close of the tournament, which will continue for two weeks.

The tournament was opened by former United States Senator C. M. Depew, who was introduced by E. P. V. Ritter, vice-president of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association. Mr. Depew delivered one of his usually witty speeches and advocated the necessity of combining sport and recreation with business.

It was expected that Mr. Depew would open the tournament by rolling the first ball, but he delegated his duty to S. W. Gould, who made a strike in his first effort. The other five alleys on which the tournament will be decided, were opened by Maj. N. W. Gage, W. H. Valentine, J. Wilson, E. E. Demgan and G. D. Gremly.

PICKUPS

The Kansas City American Association team has signed Harry Hinchman. He played second base for the St. Paul club last year.

President N. L. O'Neill of the Western league has announced that his organization will open its 1915 championship season April 23.

Secretary Nickerson of the Braves leaves tonight for Richmond via Washington. He will stay with the team until it arrives back in Boston Sunday evening.

Bodie, the former Chicago American outfielder, is starting in well with San Francisco of the Pacific Coast league. In the opening game he made a home run and a double.

President Gaffney, Mr. Davis and Engineer Collins arrived in this city this morning, coming over from New York on the midnight train. They will stay here most of the week.

Daniel White of East Boston and Thomas Kelley of Brockton have been selected as the umpires for the Harvard-Boston National game which is to be played at Fenway park Monday afternoon.

When Pitcher Walsh gets through pitching, it is to be hoped that he will try for a position in the Chicago White Sox outfield. He is a remarkably strong batter and should make a second Crawford.

The Woodland club of an independent league in California has released infielder Mobler who was one of the few left-handed infielders outside of first basemen who have ever played in major league baseball.

The report that Thorpe will be a regular on the New York Giants this year is welcome news as there are a lot of fans all over the circuit who would like to see the former Carlisle football player in action on the diamond.

It is estimated that there will be places for some 600 less professional baseball players this summer than last. This is due to the cutting down of the size of the major league squads as well as the going out of business of some minors.

About a week now to the opening of the National and American league championship seasons of 1915. Reports from the South seem to indicate that the players have not been able to do all the practicing that they wanted to and several will no doubt start in slowly.

Let's hope that Judge Landis will render his decision before the opening of the major league seasons as President Weeghman of the Chicago Federals says that he will get out an injunction against Walter Johnson pitching for the Washington Americans unless the famous decision comes before that date.

President Tener has the right idea when he proposes a post-season series between the world's champions and a picked team from the defeated league. The Pacific Coast should certainly see some major league baseball this fall and yet the two teams who compete in the world's series ought not to compete again.

DETROIT TO TRY SWEENEY
CINCINNATI—W. J. Sweeney is to meet Manager Hugh Jennings of the Detroit Americans here today for a try-out. Sweeney believes that he can replace Burns, the first baseman, out of the game at present.

WRESTLING ENTRIES CLOSE
Entries close this evening for the New England wrestling championships which are to be held at Medford Friday evening.

MANCHESTER IS LEADING LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Victors Defeat West Bromwich Albion in English Football Series—Sheffield Wednesday in Second Place—Other Results

Special Cable to The Christian Science Monitor from its European Bureau

LONDON—Tuesday morning holiday football matches generally provide some extraordinary results. The week end games were, however, quite normal. In the first division of the English league Manchester City now leads by defeating West Bromwich Albion Saturday 4 goals to 0. Sheffield Wednesday, who are second, defeated Everton on Tatters' ground 1 goal to 0. Burnley defeated the Blackburn Rovers 3 goals to 2.

Perhaps the most striking result was Chelsea's defeat of Sunderland by 3 goals to 0, while Tottenham Hotspur were also victorious, beating Bolton Wanderers 4 goals to 2.

In the second division Derby County drew a non-scoring game with Huddersfield Town, while Preston Northern beat Leeds City 2 goals to 0. Derby County and Preston are first and second on the table and have a considerable lead as compared with the other clubs. Grimsby Town beat Lincoln City 5 goals to 1, while Leicester Fosse beat Stockport County 5 goals to 4.

In the Southern league Watford were defeated by Westham, 2 goals to 0, but they still retain the leadership of the league. Reading fell to Brighton and Hove Albion by 2 goals to 0. Cardiff City beat Croydon Common by 1 goal to 0, and Millwall drew with Luton Town at 3 goals all.

On Monday Manchester City drew with Oldham Athletic in a non-scoring game, while Middlesbrough beat Sheffield Wednesday 3 goals to 1. Burnley beat Chelsea by 2 goals to 0, and Liverpool beat the Blackburn Rovers by 3 goals to 0.

In the second division Derby County by beating Leicester Fosse at 1 goal to 0 insured promotion to the first division, while Preston Northend, who drew with Birmingham 1 goal all, are also likely to be promoted.

In the Southern league Watford beat Luton Town 2 goals to 0, Reading defeated Southern 3 goals to 0, while Cardiff City beat Westham 2 goals to 1.

BROWN NINE TO OPEN SEASON WITH R. I. STATE

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Playing the Rhode Island State College today, the Brown University nine opens its 1915 season with exceptionally bright prospects. There are seven veterans, last year's star infield being intact except at second base, where the gap will be filled by Murray, a former Dean Academy star. The pitching staff now looks to be one of the strongest that have ever represented the university. Donovan, the new backstop, leaves little uncertainty as to the catching department. Only one position, right field, is causing Coach Patten any concern. The other two outfield positions will probably be held down by the veterans Dike and Ormsby.

The varsity squad of 16 men has been kept in town for daily practice during the spring recess and should be in fine shape to start its schedule of 20 games. The schedule is unusually good and is featured by two contests with Dartmouth, the first since the difference of 1907. For the first time a good schedule of 12 games has been arranged for the second team, which will be organized this week.

MR. PINCHOT TURNED BACK FROM BELGIUM

WASHINGTON—Gifford Pinchot, recently arrived in Antwerp, Belgium, as a member of the American relief commission, detailed as a special diplomatic agent of the American government for that work, has been refused permission to proceed further with his work, according to word received by the state department. The German authorities objected because Mr. Pinchot has a brother-in-law who is in the British diplomatic service.

BROOKLYN BEATS RICHMOND

RICHMOND, Va.—Brooklyn took the first game of the series from Richmond here Monday afternoon, 8 to 5. Brown and Aitchison, who worked for Brooklyn, were easy for the Virginia batters, but Jarman and Russell, who worked for Richmond, were even easier for the visitors.

ATLANTA BEATS PITTSBURGH

ATLANTA, Ga.—The reorganized Pittsburgh Nationals lost the first game in the series with the Atlanta club Monday, score 3 to 1. The ineffectiveness of Cooper in the first inning was responsible. A hit batsman, two triples and a double gave Atlanta the game.

DETROIT WINS THREE STRAIGHT

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Detroit Americans made it three straight wins from the Louisville American Association team by taking Monday's game, 6 to 0. With four wins in last Cleveland of Detroit had a perfect average, obtaining a triple, two doubles and a single.

THE HOME FORUM

GRATITUDE

WRITTEN FOR THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

IT WOULD be no easy matter to say how much the world is benefited by the spirit of gratitude. It is one of the greatest assets in a nation's life and one of the greatest blessings that individuals can possess. Gratitude dispels mental gloom as the sun disperses the mists of the valley. It causes the song to arise in the heart and gladness to sparkle in the eye. Gratitude is the outward expression of the intelligent appreciation of good.

The word "gratitude" means thankfulness. Jesus the Christ was continually expressing thankfulness. When he gave thanks before the breaking of bread, he was acknowledging his indebtedness to God's goodness and protecting care. And as he stood before the tomb of Lazarus, before he called upon his friend to awake from the deep sleep of death into which he had fallen, Jesus exclaimed, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always." Here is the secret of the gratitude that was always so pronounced with him: he knew that the "Father," God, heard him always! This is precisely what causes the thankfulness which is possessed by Christian Scientists. Christian Science has revealed to them the nature of God as divine Principle, ever-active and ever-present in the universe; and the knowledge they possess enables them to avail themselves at all times of His aid.

Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer of Christian Science, in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 113) says, "God is good. Good is Mind. And since God is infinite, good alone has reality and power. This is a staggerer to evil. It simply denies that evil has any real existence because it has no origin in infinite good. It is almost fifty years since Mrs. Eddy made known her great discovery to the world. It filled her with unspeakable gratitude, because by it she had been immediately healed of a sickness from which she was not expected to recover. Since that day, the same spiritual truth has healed a vast multitude of people from all kinds of sickness and filled them with gratitude also. One of the first signs one notices when

the truth of Christian Science has been grasped by another is that of gratitude. Suppose the Christian Science text-book to be placed in the hands of a sick person desirous of being healed. He reads the statements about the allness of God, good; and those concerning the unreality of sin and disease are strange to him. They probably oppose all the theories he holds as to the latter. Did not God, he may argue, send sickness perhaps to discipline men; did not God tolerate evil for a wise purpose? He continues his study and gathers that Christian Science teaches that God, good, could not give to His creation aught but good, and that the opposite of good, so-called evil and disease, did not originate in Him; that, moreover, He is not cognizant at all of anything outside Himself, infinite good. Disease and evil must therefore be looked upon as false beliefs, not realities. Then comes the awakening. He has been looking at these problems in an altogether wrong light. It dawns upon him that sickness is mental, and that the healing of sickness must come about by the destruction of his false beliefs. Hope gives place to faith; and faith, as he becomes more fully enlightened, develops into spiritual understanding. All the time gratitude is becoming more and more evidenced, and when the healing is accomplished it is continually near his lips.

Mrs. Eddy writes in Science and Health (p. 3): "Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech." It is an easy thing to express thanks in words; but the deepest gratitude cannot be spoken, it is lived. Of course it must always be in the consciousness first, no matter whether it be spoken or lived afterwards.

It is a remarkable thing that what are commonly called the Christian virtues are always to be found together. Thus, for example, you will always find gratitude joined to loving-kindness, gentleness, a peaceful demeanor, and a joyful aspect. If a single one of these be absent, the quality of the "gratitude" is very dubious. Again, you will never find despondency flourishing where there is genuine gratitude. In the work-a-day

world, with its harsh, inharmonious and materialistic theories and practices, we are apt to become despondent if we allow ourselves to be gripped and tripped up by it. Then is the time to array the infinite and to behold there the eternal good. We pray when we do so. And never does a real prayer return upon us without an answer.

When we have done, the realization of good, omniscient and omnipresent, will have caused the morbid beliefs of the carnal or mortal mind to vanish away, and the place where despondency seemed to be will have been taken by cheerful gratitude. "While the heart is far from divine Truth and Love, we cannot conceal the ingratitude of barren lives." (Science and Health, pp. 3-4.) It is only as we come to realize that divine Truth and Love are our constant portion as the spiritual sons and daughters of God, that gratitude manifests itself in lives fruitful with the fruits of the Spirit, which according to St. Paul are, "love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

Gratitude is a symptom. It is a symptom of spiritual understanding. Without spiritual understanding there can be no genuine gratitude. Spiritual understanding comes through the Christ. Jesus proclaimed the message of the Christ to his day and all succeeding generations. The message was obscured for centuries by the trappings of ecclesiasticism and the vagaries of fluctuating orthodoxies. It has been revealed again in the teachings of Christian Science. It is the Mind of Christ which inspires all true gratitude.

Addison's Garden

I am one, you must know, who am looked upon as a humorist in gardening. I have several acres about my house, which I call my garden, and which a skilful gardener would not know what to call. It is a confusion of kitchen and parterre, orchard and flower garden. My flowers grow up in several parts of the garden in the greatest luxuriance and profusion. I am so far from being fond of any particular one, by reason of its rarity, and if I meet with any one in a field which pleases me, I give it a place in my garden. By this means, when a stranger walks with me, he is surprised to see several large spots of ground covered with ten thousand different colors, and has often singled out flowers he might have met with under a common hedge, in a field, or in a meadow, as some of the greatest beauties of the place. The only method that I observe in this particular is to range in the same quarter the products of the same season; that they may make their appearance together, and compose a picture of the greatest variety. There is the same irregularity in my plantations, which run into as great a wilderness as their natures will permit. I take in none that do not naturally rejoice in the soil; and am pleased when I am walking in a labyrinth of my own raising, not to know whether the next tree I shall meet with is an apple or oak; an elm or pear tree—Joseph Addison.

Corundum in the Sapphire Country

"You will not be in the Sapphire Country long," Margaret Morley declares in her delightful book on the Carolina Mountains, "nor anywhere in the higher mountains for that matter, without hearing the magic word 'corundum.' Upon investigation corundum proves to be, on the surface, a useful but prosaic mineral which, because of its extreme hardness—it is next to the diamond in that—is made into emery wheels, sandpaper and other abrasive instruments. But this is only one side of corundum. When you penetrate into its history you find it the product of very old rock, the oldest rocks on earth—which is interesting, but not vital to anybody but the geologist. But, and here corundum becomes not only of absorbing interest but positively dazzling, mysteriously connected with it, born from it, are the most beautiful and precious gems in the world, gems surpassed in value by the diamond alone.

"When corundum crystallizes in an ecstasy of red, we have rubies—true, or, as we say, Oriental rubies—gems next to the diamond in value, or in their best form equal to it. When the crystals form in other moods, they shine forever as purple amethyst, or Oriental sapphire, or pink or white sapphire, or they glow with the deep and thrilling green of the

emerald, rarest of gems and equal in value to the ruby, or they emit the yellow light of the topaz. Corundum crystals take all the colors of the rainbow, each gem named from its color, and all of them, no matter of what color, are known under the general name of sapphire crystals, or sapphires. Sapphire crystals of all colors are found in the North Carolina mountains, some predominating in one section, some in another.

"Corundum, the mother rock of the most precious gems, is found throughout the North Carolina mountains excepting in the extreme northern part, and there are several mines in the Sapphire Country, which is a famous corundum region, and these mines, although not worked primarily for gems, yield many fine ones, particularly blue sapphires, to which circumstance some attribute the name of the region. It is a fortunate place that has more than one reason for deserving such a name.

STRONGHOLD OF JOHNNIE ARMSTRONG

"For many years there have been controversies as to the site of the stronghold of the famed Johnnie Armstrong of the Border ballads, and recently the Eskdale and Liddesdale Archaeological Society resolved to have excavations made in order to settle the question. Accordingly excavations were begun. The Weekly Scotsman (Edinburgh) tells us, 'at the place favored by most authorities, the southern end of Hollows bridge, which spans the Esk at its most lovely part. The result is said to bear out the contention of those who maintained that the site was the true one rather than at Gilmockie Tower, farther up the river, which tower was built in 1335, and is still well preserved, and a picturesque feature of the landscape as viewed from the main London-to-Edinburgh road. The

castle of Hollows bridge must have been much older, of much larger dimensions, and have been impregnable to attack by ancient modes of assault. The excavations reveal a remaining wall of good construction, and still in exceptional preservation. There is also perceptible an entrance, seemingly by means of a drawbridge. Remains of the moat and rampart are also seen. On three sides the castle was protected by precipices running down to the river Esk, which here makes a bend. On the land side it was protected by a moat, probably a dry one. The stones of the castle were evidently removed and used for dykes and buildings, as many old dressed stones are to be found in the neighborhood, and have been used when undressed ones would have answered the purpose."

April

April, pride of woodland ways,
Of glad days,
April, bringing hope of prime,
To the young flowers that beneath
Their bud sheath
Are guarded in their tender time;

April, pride of fields that be
Green and free,
That in fashion glad and gay,
Stud with flowers red and blue,
Every hue,
Their jewelled spring array;

It is thou that, of thy grace,
From their place
In the far-off Isles dost bring
Swallows over earth and sea,
Glad to be
Messengers of thee, and Spring.

Daffodil and eglantine,
And woodbine,
Lily, violet and rose
Plentiful in April fair,
To the air,
Their pretty petals do unfold.

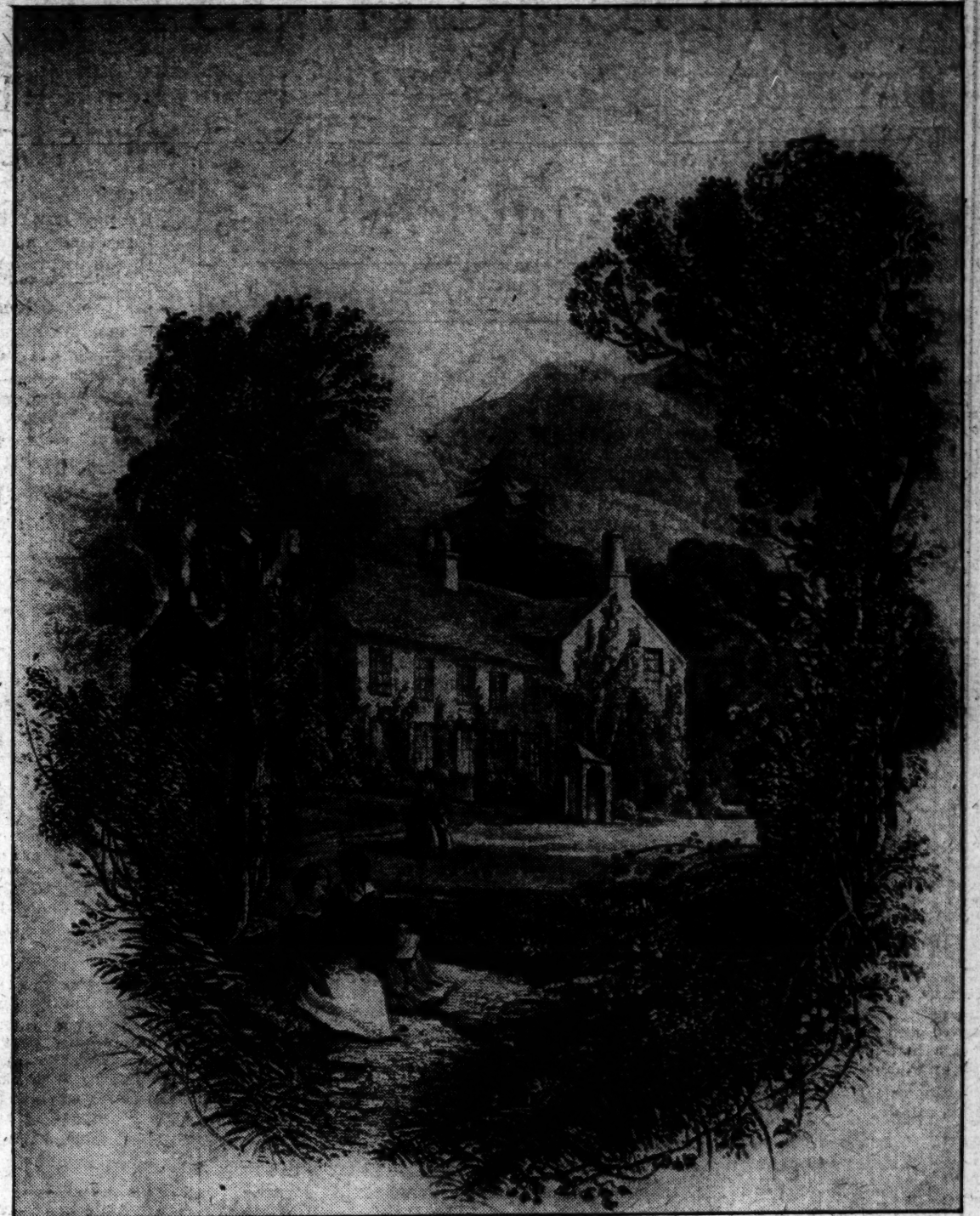
Nightingales ye may now hear,
Piercing clear,
Singing in the deepest shade;
Many and many a babbling note
Chime and float.
Woodland music through the glade.

—Remy Belleau (1560). Translated by Andrew Lang.

The Founding of the Order of the Garter

How the Order of the Garter came to be founded is related in Sir John Froissart's Chronicles, translated out of the French by John Bourchier, Lord Berners, at the command of King Henry VIII.

"In this season (1343-4) the King of England took pleasure to new re-edify the Castle of Windsor, the which was begun by King Arthur, and there first began the Table Round, whereby sprang the fame of so many noble knights throughout all the world. Then King Edward determined to make an order and a brotherhood of a certain number of knights, to be called Knights of the Blue Garter, and a feast to be kept yearly at Windsor on Saint George's day. And to begin this order the King assembled together earls, lords and knights of the realm, and showed them his intention; and they all joyously agreed to his pleasure, because they saw it was a thing much honourable and whereby great amity and love should grow and increase. Then was there chosen out a certain number of the most valiantest men of the realm, and they aware and sealed to maintain the ordinances, such as were devised; and the King made a chapel in the Castle of Windsor, of Saint George." "Then the King sent to publish this feast by his heralds into France, Scotland, Burgoyne, Hainault, Flanders, Brabant, and into the empire of Almaine, giving to every knight and squire that would come to the said feast and after: the which feast to begin at Windsor on Saint George's day next after in the year of our Lord MCCCXLIV, and the queen to be Lord MCCCXLIV, and the queen to be accompanied with three hundred ladies and damozels, all of noble lineage and apparelled accordingly."



(From an old engraving)

Rydal Mount, Wordsworth's Home in the Lake District of England

Spring is proverbially a subject for poetry and practically all poets have contributed something to its literature. From Wordsworth, one of the greatest poets of nature, much would be looked for in this respect, and indeed much has been rendered. The father of the Lake poets makes his contribution, however, after a fashion all his own. He does not set out on any grand description. In this regard, as elsewhere, he takes nature for granted. With that love for men and things which was so characteristic of the master of Rydal Mount he took it that all the world knew and had a special love for nature in her spring dress. So he just takes a day, and scene such as the plain man has often known and describes them after a manner that recalls to him all the beauties in them which he has ever seen and reveals vistas beyond. In the poem to his sister beginning, "It is the first mild day of March," Wordsworth recalls that precious day which comes so surely some time as February draws out into March, a day when the coming of spring is seen no longer as a promise but as fulfillment.

"It is the first mild day of March:
Each minute sweeter than before
The reddest sings from the tall larch
That stands beside our door."

"There is a blessing in the air,
Which seems a sense of joy to yield
To the bare trees, and mountains bare,
And grass in the green field."

This poem was written in March, 1798. Three years later, in 1801, Wordsworth shows us March "later on" in the little poem "Written in March, while resting on the bridge at the foot of Brother's Water." The great release is now finally accomplished. There is motion everywhere.

"The Cock is crowing.
The stream is flowing.
The small birds twitter,
The lake doth glitter,
The green field sleeps in the sun."

Little more than three years later still, Wordsworth, in "Daffodils," gives us another view. It is now mid-April. "When

we were in the woods below Gowbarrow Park," Miss Wordsworth writes in her diary under date, April 13, 1802, "we saw a few daffodils close to the water's side. As we went along there were more, and yet more; and at last, under the boughs of the trees, we saw there was a long belt of them along the shore. I never saw daffodils so beautiful. They grew among the mossy stones about them; some rested their heads on the stones as on a pillow; the rest tossed, and reeled, and danced, and seemed as if they verily danced with the wind, they looked so gay and glancing." Two years later came the well-known "Daffodils." With a quick sureness all its own this little poem, so grateful in its graciousness, brings to thought mid-April, just as the two earlier poems breathed the atmosphere of the opening and closing of March.

In "Daffodils" Wordsworth shows us spring—in being—everywhere. The earth is fully awake. No laggard remains, who shows no bud of promise. If the oak and the ash have "spoken nothing as yet" all the trees of the forest have learned long since to take them for granted, as who would say, "It is only a matter of which first." With a dignified unhurrying calm they will come—later.

In the next poem we quote, spring is already within sight of summer. She had almost finished her work and is preparing to hand it over. Wordsworth again catches the view at the moment of its fullest revelation. In a few deft lines in the "Green Linnet" he paints his picture—a fulness of sunlight, fresh sweet airs, green fields, green trees, and overhead the clear blue sky of early summer.

"Beneath these fruit-tree boughs that shed
Their snow-white blossoms on my head,
With brightest sunshine round me spread
Of spring's unclouded weather,
In this sequestered nook how sweet
To sit upon my orchard-seat!
And birds and flowers once more to greet,
My last year's friends together."

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"First the blade, then the ear,  then the full grain in the ear"

EDITORIAL

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Count Okuma Speaks

EXACTLY a fortnight ago we called attention to the fact that the great demand which the Japanese government was making on China was for the reversion of the German concessions. We were able to state that fact on unquestionable authority, and we are able to confirm it now, on the authority of Count Okuma himself, through the interview printed in our issue of yesterday. We pointed out at the time that innumerable wild statements were being made as to the Japanese demands, but that it was not in the nature of Japanese diplomacy to indulge in fantastic demands which were bound to provoke considerable opposition, not only from her opponents but from her friends. Count Okuma's statement completely supports that contention. The Japanese proposals are, he declares, in complete accordance with the Anglo-Japanese alliance and with all the treaties and engagements with other countries, and he goes on to deny explicitly most of the statements which have been adorning the pages of the press of the world for weeks past. The Japanese government, he says, has not demanded the appointment of Japanese advisers, and is not attempting to create a protectorate. Although, as we have pointed out, there is no question that much of the information which has been published about the negotiations between China and Japan may be dismissed as mere rumor, what Japan really is endeavoring to do, at the present moment, whatever her ultimate intentions may be, is, we are convinced, to insist that if there is to be a paramount influence exerted in Peking, it shall be her own. If all the powers were to consent to a self-denying ordinance in this respect, Japan might be willing to take her chance with the rest, but in absence of any such undertaking she is determined that her own interests being, as she conceives, most vital, her voice shall be predominant. She has not demanded joint policing, with the exception of a few definite points where important interests were at stake. Rumors which have been spread about the world, and printed without examination, Count Okuma dismisses as the result of efforts of the country to whose interests the new Japanese policy is vitally antagonistic, that is to say Germany. It was not to be expected that Germany, being at war with Japan, would not take full advantage of every diplomatic and military opportunity to improve her position. What is remarkable is the extraordinary readiness with which these reports, based on nothing more secure than rumor, have been received by so many papers. The publication of news which does not happen ever to have been news is not to be condoned by the fact that it has attained a considerable circulation before the truth about it is discovered.

The really interesting part of the interview with Count Okuma lies, however, in the statement on the subject of the German concessions. The Count admits that the Japanese government has required of Peking the reversion of the concessions made to Germany in Shantung. These concessions are of great value, as Japan is well aware, and their acquirement by the Mikado's government will be of enormous importance to it in pressing its real policy, which is of course an alliance with China on its own terms. As we have already pointed out the Japanese demands, so far from being conceived in a bungling way, have been framed with the utmost diplomatic skill. Nobody objected to the German demands when they were made, for the very simple reason that everybody knew that Germany and Russia had already come to terms upon the subject. When Kiao Chau was acquired by the government in Berlin, none of the great powers raised a protest because they were quite conscious, and this is a statement which it is impossible to contravene, that the Russian consent had already been bought with Port Arthur. Then and thereafter Germany got all the concessions she wanted, and for anybody to object now, to the transfer of these to Japan, would be to produce from Japan the obvious retort that what was a legitimate transaction when Peking was squeezed between the upper and the nether millstone of Berlin and Petrograd, was, apparently, an illegitimate one when Peking was faced by Tokio alone.

What, in this particular connection, is at once wonderful and interesting is the effort of Japan to soothe the feelings of Berlin. There is no chance that the Kaiser's government will be pacified by any number of compliments, to the commercial and military spirit of Germany, made by any number of Japanese officials. Japan is perfectly aware of this, and the bestowal of these compliments creates the impression, amongst those who best understand Japanese diplomacy, that Tokio is transgressing against a certain epigram of Alfred de Musset's, to the effect that a door should either be open or shut. If the government of Tokio is not careful it will discover, when the moment for drawing up the treaties of peace arrives, that this leaving the door ajar may lead to almost as much trouble for it, as it led to on that famous occasion, in Goswell Street, when Mrs. Bardell was overcome by her emotions, in Mr. Pickwick's apartments.

Premier Hearst Falls Short of Doing It

THE prime minister of the province of Ontario, Canada, has lately been afforded an excellent opportunity of doing something that would have won for him the approval of right-thinking people in his own and in the opposition party as well, and he has, we regret to find, fallen short of doing it. He could have curbed, or practically destroyed, the influence of the barroom. He might have taken, as the prime minister of Saskatchewan has taken, a step that would lead eventually to the suppression of the liquor traffic in the province. He has elected, however, to let this achievement pass to another, for it seems indisputable that Ontario will be content, in the long run, with nothing short of prohibition. The apparent disposition of Mr. Hearst and his associates in the government to temporize with the question of regulation, to compromise with the interests demanding unrestricted commerce in alcoholics, will simply have the effect of increasing the demand for the elimination of the liquor influence altogether in provincial political affairs.

It would not be fair to say that Mr. Hearst has done nothing. The new law centralizes by consolidating the work of the present license commissions. The new commission will have the right, if it have the disposition, to lay a restraining hand on the traffic both as regards the number of licenses to be issued and the hours of sale. Again, the new law adds Labor day to the days of prohibi-

tion. This is a step, if a short one, in the right direction. Again, the new law prohibits the sale of liquor to soldiers. Taken in itself this merits and doubtless will be granted public approval. But if, in the estimation of the Hearst government, prohibition is a good thing for the man in military uniform, why, it may be asked, is it not a good thing for the man in civil attire? If drink reduces the efficiency of the soldier, does it not also reduce the efficiency of the civilian? If the civilian who is to remain peacefully at home, far from the tumult of the trenches, is permitted to indulge himself in alcoholic beverages, why should the soldier who is ready to give his all for the empire, and who could, if he would, offer a thousand excuses for desiring such indulgence to the single excuse of the civilian, be denied the privilege? If there is going to be any discrimination between the civilian and the soldier in Canada at present, should it not be in favor of the man who is waiting orders to report at the front?

When the premise is wrong everything that is built upon it must be wrong. The belief that the province, the counties, the municipalities of Ontario are in need of the liquor revenue is essentially and organically unsound. Russia, France, Great Britain, other British possessions, the states of the American Union, are all discovering that revenue drawn at the expense of manhood, womanhood and childhood—at the expense of national productivity and good order and of individual capacity and virtue—means ultimate loss rather than gain to their treasuries. Mr. Hearst or some other premier in Ontario will at no distant day, we feel sure, awaken to a realization of this fact.

British Miners and Food Prices

STATISTICS just to hand in the March number of the Board of Trade Labour Gazette provide interesting reading, and do much to throw light on the contentions put forward by the Miners Federation of Great Britain. The men claim that there has been an advance of, roughly, 20 per cent in foodstuffs of everyday use; on the other hand, it will be remembered that the government arrived at the conclusion that half the main household commodities have not materially advanced. From figures now available we are able to compare present prices, and to see which contention is more nearly correct.

Bread, it would appear, has advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per four pound loaf since March, 1914; cheese, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per pound; bacon, after being considerably higher, now shows a rise of only 1d. per pound; mutton and beef, at the same time, mark rises of from 1d. to 2d. per pound, and to take but one more commodity which enters largely into the workingman's weekly budget, sugar, we find a pronounced advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per pound.

Judging from these figures the claims of the men would seem to be reasonable, and it is doubtful if they would be much better off should they get the increase of 20 per cent in wages which they are now asking for, than they were before the war broke out. At the same time they have certainly been called upon to work at least as hard as before.

Feeling, therefore, that their claims are just, and not due to selfishness on the part of the miners, the miners' conference have passed resolutions demanding an immediate increase in wages to the extent of 20 per cent on the present earnings. It is satisfactory to find the reasons for an advance in wages so clearly stated, which should do much to enable the general public to judge from the workingman's point of view.

Cooperative Supply Purchase Plans

CONGRESS will have before it at its next session a plan to create, in the treasury department, a bureau of general supplies, with power to centralize and to supervise manufacture, purchase and distribution of all articles used in government offices and departments throughout the United States as well as in Washington. The plan embodies the advice of a specially constituted group of investigators drawn from the treasury department staff and set at work early in the Wilson administration. If enacted into law the reconstruction in method that will follow will be as revolutionary as it will be economical, since it will involve standardization of supplies, erection and administration of government storehouses, and buying on a larger scale, with consequent gains and reduction of expenses.

Not the least important detail of the scheme is the intention to manufacture and repair all furniture used in the federal buildings, a proposition that has in it intimations of concerted opposition from opponents of governmental invasion of the producing field of business. "If furniture today, what will it be tomorrow?" it will be asked.

For the plan as a whole there will, we believe, be general support, since it points to conservation of revenue and reduction of taxes. There will likely be less skepticism concerning the theory of the reform than there will be relative to the possibility of finding persons to administer it effectively and without any of the limitations of a powerful bureaucracy.

Of course any attempt in this or any other field of administrative action where the assumed goal is efficiency, reduction of duplicate machinery, and lowered cost, should presuppose control of the process by persons who have been chosen for the task on the basis of merit and efficiency. This compels elimination of "politics" and tends to strengthen the "merit" system. If Congress adopts the plan it should be with the clear understanding that the new bureau, from top to bottom, is to be manned by the merit system of appointment.

For a "Wise Military Policy"

THE interval between congresses, by order of the secretary of war, is to be used by the general staff of the army of the United States in redefining, for the benefit of the public and of federal lawmakers, what a "wise military policy" for the nation should be henceforth. A similar study was made and a formal definition was given in 1912, but the result has not had much weight with Congress. The present war in Europe is forcing revision of opinions on many matters of technique and policy. Debate in and out of Congress indicates far from unanimous opinion as to how far the advice of "professional" soldiers should count with persons responsible for a national policy of military defense. Nevertheless it is apparent that the coming Congress should have put before it plans of intrinsic merit and that take into account all the factors of the problem. The war department, therefore, is quite sensible in recasting its statement in the light of latest technical knowledge.

With the production of its new evidence and the filing of its deductions from the same, its role will cease. Court and jury will render a verdict based on the arguments of many witnesses, some of them experts in international ethics, law, finance and humanitarianism. The national policy will be a resultant of the process of comparison of many advisers' views. This is inevitable in a country so governed. But there is nothing in this fact to discourage the war department. If it cannot induce automatic acceptance of its advice by Congress it can make its report as reasonable and as lucid as possible. The better "documented" the case of the department the more quickly it will convince. The more rational the arguments the likelier the prospect of the department for winning what it wants.

Getting the Best From Immigrants

IN Old Nuremberg one day a famous wood carver, fashioning the wooden draperies of a statue, whereof the delicate work betokened a lifetime of artistry, paused to say to one who watched him, "You are from America; I have a son in America. He is working in a furniture factory, fitting the arms upon chairs. He is not happy in that new land fitting arms to chairs, because he is the son and the grandson and the great grandson of wood carvers in Old Nuremberg." The old German's words raise the query "Is the United States making the most out of its immigrants?" In these times of specialists and machine made articles, in a period when the immigrant is so rapidly formed into a mere cog in the wheel of vast industrial enterprises, is it not often forgotten that some of these men at least are offering to the western world the heritage of great talent which is slowly being crushed beneath the wheels of a materialistic juggernaut?

We ask often why the old Florentine goldsmiths were the greatest in the world. Why Bernini has never been surpassed as a worker in gold and silver. These old Florentine craftsmen took the crude material and with their own creative hands formed it into the object of their dreams. They saw the finished product of their hands. It had the effect upon them that the finished poem has upon the poet. Just as truly as the poet would have found it impossible to have created his masterpiece if to him had been the privilege of making the first two lines only, while other men added their allotted lines, none of them seeing the finished product as their own, likewise the creative genius of the modern workman is scarcely stirred by his piecemeal work, resulting in a machine-made product and an ambitionless and a machine-like man.

Not all, to be sure—not more than a small minority perhaps—of these thousands who annually seek American shores from their more ancient fatherland, are equipped by either inheritance or training to take the chisel, the brush, or the hammer in efficient hands. Yet no one has watched that endless stream of humanity flowing through the gates of Ellis Island without discovering here and there in the dreamy eyes of the Jew, the Slav or the Latin, the sleeping capacity of a great artist or a great workman along creative lines. That he does not at present find opportunity for the expression of that which is most truly germane to his aptitude and ideals in the heterogeneous herding among twentieth century American industries, goes without argument.

In these days when would-be benefactors are meeting these new citizens at the water's edge with all kinds of schemes for training in English, is it not worth while to consider the possibilities found in this material for a school as yet unheard of, a school in which the results of age-long genius of Europe and Asia may be garnered for fresh and larger achievement? This genius would be expressed in forms diverse from that in which it was clothed in the old world; it would naturally be adapted to the life, the environment and the institutions of the new world. But to disregard it or to crush it in the "speeding up" processes of industrial activities, is as surely to deprive the individual of his prime incentive, as it is to rob America of one of the richest assets to be derived from the stranger entering her gates.

Resumption of Grand Opera in Chicago

Losses incurred by the guarantors of grand opera in Chicago last year received a great deal of attention in the press of the United States. The comments were almost invariably misleading because they were based largely on the erroneous impression that a surplus rather than a deficit was expected at the end of the season by the subscribers to the enterprise. The fact is that the subscriptions were made outright. They were, in fact, in the nature of donations. And when the books showed a very considerable deficit at the close of the season, supplementary donations came pouring in to take care of it. Arrangements were entered upon this year for the resumption of grand opera in Chicago next autumn without any regard whatever for last season's so-called losses.

The supporters of good music in Chicago refuse to see the losses so keenly observed by those who view symphony and opera undertakings and experiences from "a business viewpoint." This has just been illustrated once more. Leaders in the Chicago grand opera movement started out recently to obtain a subscription guaranty of \$100,000 for this year. They have just completed their task by reporting that subscription guaranties of \$110,000 for this year and next have been secured. That is to say, ten weeks of grand opera for 1915 and 1916, respectively, are assured for Chicago by the creation of a fund that may be drawn upon to meet any possible deficits. And little more than a score of Chicago's wealthy citizens have made up the necessary sum.

Grand opera is rarely produced without monetary loss. In many parts of the world this loss is secured by government subsidy. In the United States it must be sustained by private management or secured by private generosity, as it has been in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and other large cities. At present a few people are meeting the deficits, and they are doing this cheerfully in the interest of popular culture. It is to be hoped that the number of private subscribers everywhere shall be increased and that the guaranty funds shall be built up so that larger sections of opera seats may be reduced to little above a nominal price. The great problem in this connection seems to us to be how to bring the mass into closer touch with music of the highest order. Art museums have their free days now, and the good they are doing through this policy is incalculable. Why should not grand opera houses have free afternoons or evenings? There is surplus private wealth enough in the country to meet the cost. As to loss, there would really be none, for in the higher cultivation of popular taste for music there could be nothing but ultimate gain.